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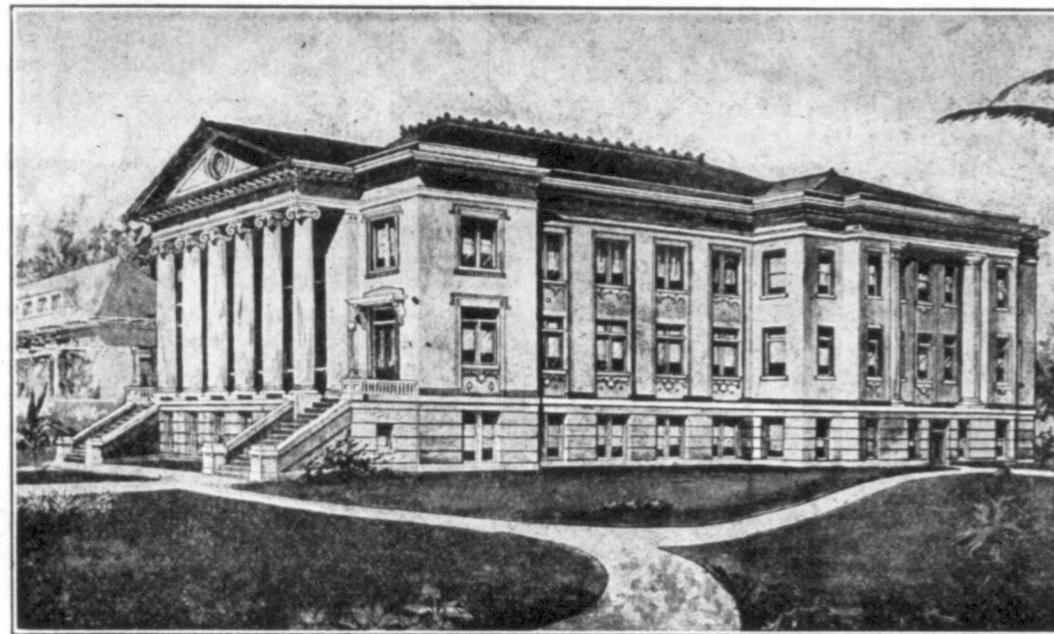
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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—PASTOR'S HOME TO THE LEFT

BAPTISTS IN NEW ALBANY

By W. G. Rutledge

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The First Baptist Church of New Albany stands as a monument to the faithful labors and sacrifice of a people united in purpose and endeavor to erect to their Lord a temple of worship worthy of the blessings He has given them. It is an imposing structure of three stories, gracing the rolling hills and valleys of this thriving metropolis.

The data for constructing a historical account of the beginnings of Baptist activity in this section are inadequate. Through information collected and preserved by Mrs. Fred Stephens Smith, however, one is able to trace, though dimly at times, the efforts of Baptist people in organizing and emerging into the present church.

It is believed that the first religious organization of this territory was Baptist, possibly Primitive. The first church of which we have any record was organized in 1838-39 and was located on the property now owned by Hampton Rutherford, south of the City Cemetery. It is not known who organized the church, yet it was apparently a large organization for this early period. Two early pioneer preachers in this section, Elders Hale and Waldrop, are mentioned as the first pastors. The church for some reason disbanded in 1856. A letter has been found which Elder J. T. Berry, pastor at the time of dissolution, wrote to a Mr. Dansby, possibly the church clerk, advising: "That inasmuch as the church was dissolving by its own consent, church letters to members in good standing were in order." He also states that two negroes, belonging to a Mr. Flourney, were members of the church. Some people say that the church was discontinued when the questions of missions was introduced. This item has become obscure, however, by the loss of records. Meager information says that a missionary church was organized near the present courthouse in 1842, disbanding again about 1858. No official records can be found.

The Present Organization

It was not until 1874 that a new organization was attempted. Reverend Isaac Smith was the organizer and first pastor. Very few facts can

be found, since the old records of this congregation were burned. The organization began with only a few charter members. Judge Z. M. Stephens, father of Senator Stephens, affiliated himself with this church by a letter brought from Pleasant Hill church, known in those days as the Split Pole Baptist Church. Reverend Smith, organizer of the New Albany Church, continued as pastor for thirty or forty years. S. D. Owen, a deacon, and Mrs. Ada Rogers, recently deceased, were the last of the charter members with the exception of Judge Stephens who is now living and in good health. Other members were Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Miss Beulah Collins, Elder William Langston, a lay preacher, Mrs. Dudley Wiley, and Mrs. James Hill.

The church had no house of worship. Residential and open meetings were held until opportunity was afforded for the use of Granger Hall. In 1876 a church was built by popular subscription on the lot to the rear of the present building. It was used by all denominations for some time and later became the property of the Baptists. The inadequacy of this small building caused a group led by Messrs. J. T. Baker and N. Fitzpatrick to erect a brick building which housed the church until 1924 when a modern plant was built.

The present structure is a stately building and beautifully decorated. The auditorium equipped with a balcony and opera chairs will seat about one thousand people. To the rear and in the basement are Sunday school departments. There are three departmental assembly rooms and fifty-five class rooms. The basement is provided with equipment for serving meals to as many as two hundred and fifty at one time. This affords a splendid place for conventions, workers' councils, and various religious and social activities.

Two years ago the building caught fire in the furnace room. It seemed for a few hours that the beautiful structure would be destroyed. Yet the damage was fully covered by insurance and no permanent destruction resulted.

The following is a list of the pastors of the church from 1874 to 1936: Reverends Isaac Smith, J. D. Anderson, George W. Potter, R. A. Cooper,

Dr. W. T. Lowrey, E. E. Thornton and John Thompson; Dr. J. E. Buchanan, Rev. E. L. Wesson, a Dr. Osborn, Doctors Webb Brame, G. S. Dobbins, Reverends J. T. Tull, G. W. Duncan, and J. P. Kirkland, present pastor.

A congregation is gradually led in the spirit of building. It was Pastor Tull who did much in this direction, while the Reverend Duncan was pastor at the time of the construction of the building. Reverend J. P. Kirkland, pastor since 1926, has labored with the church in paying a debt of some \$50,000.00. The present indebtedness of \$9,500.00 in refunded bonds will soon be paid if prevailing conditions continue. The total amount raised during the past ten years for current expenses, missions, benevolence, Co-operative program, bonds, interest, insurance, and repairs is \$108,496.44. Of course the debt through the depression was a heavy burden, but it was met to the satisfaction of creditors even by heroic sacrifice on the part of many members.

God has blessed these efforts in a gracious manner. All current bills are paid. Fuel for the winter has been bought and paid for in advance.

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Sparks and Splinters

Alabama Baptists' budget for 1937 is \$150,000; divided 45-55 between Southwide and state objects.

The poor fellow whose wife had told him her heart was set on a Packard, didn't know which it was in her throat or in her shoes, but was sure it was out of position somehow.

The smart guy who asked a friend if he had ever seen a three dollar bill, and receiving a negative reply, showed him a bill from the dentist, must have had just one tooth left.

We are glad to have a letter from Dr. J. G. Chastain who has been preaching in Spanish to those in the city of New Orleans who use this tongue. We shall give his letter next week.

Mr. D. L. Moody used to say you can travel to heaven first class or second class as you choose. The first class passenger says, "I will trust and not be afraid." The second class passenger says, "What time I am afraid I will trust."

Rev. J. C. Richardson who recently resigned the pastorate at Bay Springs to become a chaplain in the Army Reserve, is located for the time being in Canton. Being on the road he missed the Baptist Record and dropped into the office of Baptist laymen to read his paper. Asking if he might carry it away with him, he was refused because it was too valuable an article to be parted from.

There seems to be wide dissatisfaction with the present system in the state of disposing of lands which have been forfeited to the state. Unless something is done soon it is apt to be too late. It would seem that the state could render a fine service to the tenant population to make some provision by which these people could come into possession of state owned lands. Here is a problem for statesmen and humanitarians.

It is said that women own 65 per cent of the wealth of the world. We have become skittish about figures and statistics. But if they own it the insurance companies and the undertakers must have been doing a land office business. But this thing of ownership is a funny thing any way you take it. They say the Jews own New York City; the Irish run it and the negroes enjoy it. So what's the use.

Tenancy problems may be more acute in Arkansas than elsewhere. But we do not know any other place where as much effort is being made to solve the problem. A commission has been appointed and seeks to cooperate with one appointed by the federal government. At a recent session of this commission these facts and opinions developed. It is a nationwide problem, not local; it is worst where land is richest; it is on the increase; it is degrading; tenants cannot extricate themselves; home ownership is society's safeguard; necessity conserving soil and improving health; there is need of federal supervision and assistance; favorable terms and credits are necessary; educational advantages must be provided; economic rights of tenants must be protected.

The Watchman-Examiner quotes the following from the New York Times: In an editorial The New York Times says: "The drunken automobile driver looms bigger and bigger in the routine death roll which quotes the price paid by the American people for its week-end holidays. It is stated before a meeting of police and fire surgeons that the drunken drivers have increased 45 per cent since repeal. This we may very well believe from the fact that 1934 witnessed an increase of nearly 30 per cent over the preceding year in accidents assignable to alcohol; yet by 1934 the first exuberant reaction against the dry era should have begun to expend itself. From the trend of things in the current year there is every reason for fearing that 1935 will show a further increase in this most inexcusable of all forms of reckless driving. . . . In one small Pennsylvania region, out of 119 accidents, no less than 60 per cent were attributed to alcohol."

Texas Baptists have \$11,954,382 invested in their schools in endowment and equipment.

Somebody speaking of the use of illustrations, particularly the humorous kind, said, "Laughter fixes them on the plates of memory." See?

Sunday school superintendents! The trained workers' requirement—Point IX—of the Standard for 1937 will remain exactly as it is for 1936—E. C. Williams.

The church at New Albany increased the salary of Pastor J. P. Kirkland for the new year. The Chamber of Commerce wanted to elect him president but he felt that he had enough to do.

A good idea, and we pass it on: Pastor Grice of DeLand Florida, is said to be preaching a series of sermons on the questions which people asked Jesus. They'll fit today's needs.

It is a grief to learn that the voting in Madison County recently keeps the county in the column of those which permit the sale of beer and wine. Thirty-six counties have voted and thirty-two have voted dry.

Editor Norman W. Cox says in the Baptist Messenger of West Virginia that a pastor told him during the hard depression years that nearly half of his members were out of employment, and that these people had not been contributors to the church when they had employment. The lesson is obvious.

It's a mighty good thing the women have a week of prayer for missions every now and then. We seldom hear any petition for the missionaries in our ordinary church meetings. Better look around and see if we haven't forgotten something.

Pearl River County and Marion voted on Dec. 1 against the licensing of beer and wine sales. This makes 34 out of 37 counties dry of those which have voted on the question. Copiah County is next where Judge D. M. Miller is leading the prohibition forces. One county voted wet on Dec. by a small majority and by throwing out one precinct. This was Stone County.

Southeast Mississippi Pastors' Conference meets at First Church, Laurel, Dec. 21. Program includes devotional by G. A. Smith; Baptists and Christmas by A. B. Pierce; General Discussion; Business; Sermon by W. L. Day; wild game dinner at church; Outline of Romans 1-5 by B. S. Hilburn; Budget and Every Member Canvass by L. G. Gates.

It is probably generally known to our readers that Rev. C. Z. Holland of Newton was elected as associate secretary with Dr. R. B. Gunter in the state work, and that he has accepted the position. His work will be primarily supervision of the 5,000 Club, the stewardship and budget department. He has shown splendid qualifications for this work; is a young man, alumnus of Mississippi College and of the Louisville Seminary. He is an excellent preacher, an efficient pastor, has proved executive ability in connection with Clarke College. His people will give him up with regret and protest. He will make his home in Jackson and cover the state with his ministry. Personally and officially he deserves the cooperation of all our people to make his work for the Lord effective.

There was no other issue for the crisis in Great Britain caused by the King's love affair which did not involve tragedy. Our sympathy is with all concerned, without giving approval to the moral conduct involved. The country and the government are made up of a great people. They form a stabilizing and moral force in the world. They have faced a great crisis with courage and patience, and we believe they will work out their problem happily and go on their way with assurance for the future. The king who has abdicated will probably be much happier without the responsibilities of office. He does not seem to have conducted himself in a way to avoid just criticism. It seems that he is not free of responsibility in bringing about divorce. A woman who has been twice divorced has something to explain. The removal of Edward Eighth from the throne was the only proper solution and is an assurance that democracy is not impotent and that high moral standards have not been abandoned.

"I look forward to 1937 as our first year of real prosperity since 1929." Roger Babson. Hope you are right, brother.

Our thanks and congratulations to the church at Brooksville and the new pastor, Dr. Winstead, for putting the Baptist Record into the budget and sending it to every family.

The auditor's report of the Convention Board made recently took occasion to advise the Board how to divide its mission funds. This seems a new role for auditors, and is nothing less than an impertinence. The Board exercised its wisdom in apparently paying no attention to it.

The church at Bay Springs, we learn from Deacon W. J. Shoemaker, has called Rev. Elbert Sumrall, pastor at Soso, and it is presumed he will accept. Here is a combination which seems led of the Lord and we hope will be abundantly blessed.

We are grateful to brother Entrekin of Purvis for his warm words of appreciation of the Record, and, at his request, give a part of what he says. Beside speaking well of the editor (and we don't publish that) he says, "The paper is second to the Bible in my home, the best I have ever read, don't see how any Baptist can afford to be without it. Dr. Campbell's expositions of the Sunday school lesson are of special interest. Keep him on the job by all means." Brother Entrekin prays for all our work. He is in great need of your prayerful sympathy.

New Zion Church house in Copiah Association, six miles west of Crystal Springs was dedicated Sunday the thirteenth. The erection of this building while the church was without a pastor is a fine achievement. By using material in the old building and lumber from the trees on the church property and by labor contributed along with cash contributions, no debt has been incurred. The building is nearly completed. The church has called Rev. O. C. Chance and he is already in charge. The pastor spoke at eleven o'clock, lunch was served and others spoke in the afternoon. A history of the church was read, and good music was part of the program.

Southern Baptists gave to all Southwide objects during November \$100,003.42. Of this there came through the Cooperative Program \$64,556.35, by designation \$21,062.17 and through the Hundred Thousand Club \$14,384.90. Total gifts for these Southwide objects in the past eleven months \$1,341,399.10. These figures include only what went through the mission board offices, which of course was much the larger part. Mississippi sent in November to these Southwide objects a total of \$6,378.76, of which \$4,724.63 went through the Cooperative Program, \$323.68 designated for special objects and \$1,330.45 through the Hundred Thousand Club for payment of debts on Southwide institutions.

A member of Boyle Church writes that Pastor L. T. Greer is doing a splendid work there. The Sunday school addition to the church building will with favorable weather be ready for dedication January 1. The church is happy in the use of a piano recently given by a good member. The buses which were started last May bring members from the country and the congregations are good at church and Sunday school. The W. M. U. had spiritual meetings in the week of prayer and a worthy offering was made. The 1937 budget increases offerings for all causes.

Paul wrote some mighty cheerful letters from prison. Here is an optimistic note from Dr. R. H. Pitt, editor of the Religious Herald, who has for some time been a shut-in. Speaking of Southern Baptist debts he says: "The skies are clearing. What Baptists in this section need now is something more of the spirit of Christian adventure. Not in the way of creating new debts. God forbid. But we might very well abandon the attitude to which we have almost become habituated of declining new work, of turning aside every challenging opportunity and thus shriveling and drying up. We made enough fuss of its kind over the darkness and depression. Cannot we now rejoice in the Lord and go on our way, not with groanings which cannot be uttered, but with a song on our lips?"



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—A. R. P.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
New Albany, Miss.
By A. J. Ranson

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Presbyterian churches of our order have been in existence in Tippah and Union Counties, Mississippi for almost one hundred years. They are the outgrowth of Presbyterians who migrated to this country from old congregations in the Carolinas and Georgia. They brought the names of their old churches with them. And, so, those in Ebenezer came from old Ebenezer, and those in Hopewell from an old Hopewell, and those in Bethany from an old Bethany.

The New Albany congregation is more than thirty years old. The membership today is 248. It has been served by six pastors, as follows: Revs. J. W. Carson, T. H. McDill, E. E. Strong, E. N. Orr, Palmer Patterson and A. J. Ranson. There are 17 officials, 8 elders and 9 deacons. The church is thoroughly organized in all of its departments and is glad to be associated with the other churches in looking after the moral and spiritual interests of the community.

In the estimation of the writer of these notes, many towns the size of New Albany are over-churches, having seven or eight, and sometimes more, struggling congregations. We have four congregations with buildings, while those of other faiths have occasional services. No finer cooperation is to be found in any city than we have here. For several years we have had simultaneous meetings in our churches. But, whatever the type of meeting, the very finest interest has been manifest. We are glad to have a part in building up the Kingdom of God on

NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHRIST
By Judge Lee C. Crumbe

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A Bit of History

Beginning in 1888 or 1889 brother M. H. Armor preached occasionally in the Baptist church. Previous to this brother Larimore of Alabama, held some meetings in New Albany. In 1898 a meeting was held by John A. Stevens, state evangelist. After this meeting the old Baptist church was bought, which was afterwards destroyed by fire. Even before the burning the congregation became inactive.

Brother Armor reorganized the congregation in February 1921, at the home of Mrs. J. T. Armor, where about 30 charter members met. Brother Armor was called for pastor. The congregation met in the court house until cold weather the following fall, after which it met at Mrs. C. F. Work's residence, until March 1922, when they erected on the corner of Camp and Oak Streets a neat brick veneered house of worship, where the congregation now meets. The membership is about 56, with M. H. Armor and Chas. Lee Crum elders. R. F. Rowlands, J. F. Lee, L. McAllister and D. L. McDonald were chosen as deacons.

Among the pastors are listed brethren Armor, Coleson and Grasty. The church has regularly met on each Lord's Day in a Sunday school capacity and to take the Lord's Supper since A. D., 1921. Rev. G. R. Coleson has recently been called to minister for the church.

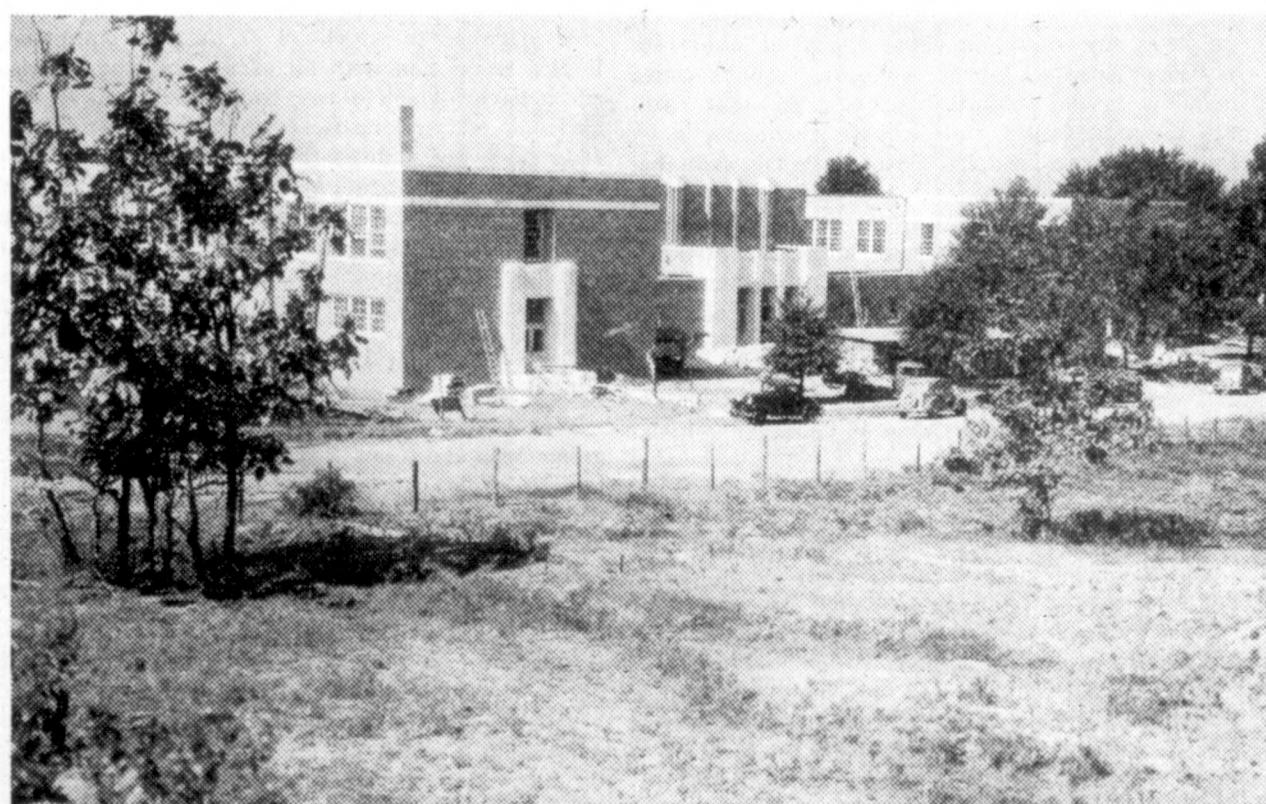
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EDITORIALS

THE DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED

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Did Jesus love John more than he did the other
disciples? No comparisons are made in the gos-
pel records, but John speaks of himself as "the
disciple whom Jesus loved," and leaves us to
draw our own conclusions. Was it that John was
simply more conscious of the love of Jesus than
were the others? Or was there something in
Jesus' love for John which was tenderer or
stronger than that which he had for the other
disciples?

One can hardly escape the conclusion that
Jesus' love for John had something more in it
than his love for the others. It is certain that
three of the twelve were shown some favors
which were not accorded to them all. Peter, James
and John were with him in some of the highest
moments of his life: at the transfiguration, in
Gethsemane and when he brought back to life
the daughter of Jairus. And we cannot be sur-
prised if Jesus' love for John had a peculiar
tenderness and glow which made John aware
of being deep in the heart of the Master.

Why did Jesus love John with a peculiar and
personal intensity? It may do us good to find
this out, not merely because of our interest in
John, not primarily for that reason, but that
we may know what qualities in people draw out
the tender affection of Jesus. If we may know
this, it may help us to secure for ourselves the
love of God in Christ that will enable us to live
in the light of that love. Jesus in that last
passover night with his disciples indicated what
would draw out toward them the love of God
and of Jesus. And Jude exhorts us to keep our-
selves in the love of God, and tells us how it
can be done.

It is worth remembering that John speaks
four times of himself as the disciple whom Jesus
loved. These four occasions are all in connection
with the closing days of Jesus' ministry. Once
as he reclined in His bosom at passover feast,
again at the cross when Jesus committed to
him His mother; again when the message is
brought to him of Jesus' resurrection; and lastly
after the resurrection when Jesus shows Him-
self to them by the lake in the early morning. It
may or may not be significant that in every
case except one John is mentioned in connection
with Peter.

What would you say is the reason Jesus loved
John a bit more tenderly than the rest? Probably
somebody would say that it was because John
was the youngest in the group. There is no doubt
that the normal person is particularly drawn to
the youngest in the group. There is something in
the unsophisticated youth that attracts our
interest and attention. A mind open, unspoiled,
fresh, on which impressions can be made, that
will never be erased. There is something in the
eagerness, wistfulness, hopefulness of youth that
draws out our hearts. Hard experiences and dis-
appointments have not left their trace of cynicism

and skepticism. There is the beauty and buoyancy
of a new day that makes life hopeful and confi-
dent.

Probably John was nearer Jesus' age than
any of the rest. Jesus was just thirty years old,
and probably John was the same. The others seem
to have been more mature, though still young men. Thus Jesus found him companionable
and sympathetic in all his ideas of life.

But these reasons, which lie on the surface
do not satisfy most of us. Is there something
distinctive in John which drew Jesus toward
him? Something not merely on the surface?
There must have been, though it may be hard
to name it or describe it. Occasionally there
come into my office two little visiting girls.
They are sisters and much alike. They come in
together. They both speak to me courteously.
But one of them goes over and picks up a paper
or magazine with pictures in it and takes a
seat and begins reading. The other little one
comes up nearer, looks into my face and smiles.
Her manner is an invitation to start conversa-
tion, and she comes over and leans on my chair,
and we are soon chatting away like old friends,
though we are more than half a century apart
in years. Yes there's a difference, and anybody
is drawn to one who is approachable and re-
sponsive. People are different. John must have
had something in him a little different from
the rest.

What is it that draws people together, or
draws you to some one more than to another.
For one thing there must have been something
in John which made Jesus feel that here is one
who is capable of spiritual understanding and
development, one whose mind and heart were
open to the truth, and who had the intuitive dis-
cernment that his soul's desires were to be
fully met and satisfied in Jesus. Jesus knew
what was in man, and he was not deceived in
John. Here was a man of simplicity, sincerity,
transparency of soul. Into the depths of his
spirit the truth could be dropped; one who was
even avid for all the truth. To him Jesus could
open his heart and soul, and not be disappointed.

John's heart was responsive to love, capable
of love, hungry for love, and Jesus filled his
need. His very mistakes were born of devotion
to Jesus. He would have gladly called down fire
from heaven and destroyed the inhospitable
Samaritans who would not take Jesus in. His
ambition, with all the selfish desire to have first
place in the kingdom of God, was coupled with
the wish to be with Jesus, on His right or left.
How could Jesus help loving him?

Jesus will love us all that we let Him love
us. He will bestow His affection on us as far as
we are willing to and desirous of receiving it.
If we would have more of his love in our hearts
and our lives we have only to put ourselves in
the place where His love shines strongest. "If
ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in
my love; even as I have kept my Father's com-
mandments and abide in his love." "He that hath
my commandments and keepeth them, he it is
that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be
loved of my Father; and I will love him and
manifest myself unto him." It ought to be our
constant prayer that we may know the breadth
and length and height and depth, and know the
love of God that passeth knowledge, and be
filled unto all the fulness of God. Copper is a
good medium for transmitting electric current
and power. Lead is not. But we may determine
whether we are to be vessels of honor or vessels
of dishonor.

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If we are going to start a campaign for
moratoriums (or maratoria, if you prefer) we
would not begin at preaching. What about starting
with a censorship on so called "poems."

Dr. Cammack says that Virginia legalizes and
the dailies advertise a business which kills over
500 people in that state in one year. Any paper
that advertises the business, any man who votes
for it, anybody who advocates it is participant
in wholesale homicide. And that goes
from the little runt at the ballot box all the
way up to the top.

MORE ABOUT DEBTS

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My dear brother Lipsey:

One does not have to read between the lines
of your editorial: "The Debt Complex," to know
that the repeated expressed opposition of some
of us to the Convention's continuing to assume
additional financial obligations is the occasion
of your editorial.

Granting that your position is true, viz: that
the sin is not in borrowing but in a failure to
pay; does it follow that one does no wrong in
continuing to borrow when every effort of his
to return money already borrowed has resulted
in a failure?

Granting that the President of the United
States has brought about prosperity as you say
he has, by borrowing and giving. It remains to
be seen whether such a course proves to be a
blessing or a curse.

Granting that it proves to be a blessing; we
must not overlook the fact that a government
has the power to tax her citizens even to the
confiscation of their property to get money to
meet obligations. And if she does not choose to
levy burdensome taxes she has the alternative
of printing money and thus meet her obligations.
Does it follow that because our government,
which has the power to tax and the power to
print money, has borrowed heavily, and spent
lavishly and freely therefore a Baptist convention
dependent entirely on voluntary contribu-
tions from her constituency is justified in con-
tinuing to borrow when all efforts to return
money already borrowed have failed?

The Convention had to refinance her debts.
That was proof positive that all our efforts (and
they were many) to get money from Mississippi
Baptists to meet previously assumed obligations
had failed.

Under the circumstances was it not a sin to
continue to borrow?

J. W. LEE

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ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

Brother Lee is only partially right in concluding
that the editorial referred to was caused by
opposition to borrowing expressed by some at
the Convention. That was only a symptom. We
have all talked debt till many are ready to con-
clude that that is the only thing which we are
interested in, or that we have to do. We must
pay the debts. But we must do some other
things too. And the other things are more im-
portant than the immediate payment of the
debts. We must and can do both. When Paul
said "I am debtor," he meant that he owed the
world the gospel of Jesus Christ. We need to
be mission minded rather than money minded.
We must have our minds on the souls of men
and not simply on the expense account.

We are opposed to increasing our debts. That
is a principle to which all of us are committed.
It is a conviction with all of us. But the Mississ-
ippi River which flows southward has an oc-
casional eddy that runs northward. And this
eddy does not change the course of the Mississ-
ippi River. We are paying our debts. It is not
true as brother Lee says that we are not paying
them. The debts assumed by the Convention
are \$20,000 less now than one year ago. Brother
Lee's whole argument is based on the statement
that we are not paying our debts. But we are
paying them, and we are now in better position
to pay them by reason of the 5,000 Club.

We used the illustration of the government
going into debt not because we approve of it,
but to show by the election returns that the
people either approve of it, or at least regard it
as a necessity. Debt is sometimes a necessity,
and the only way in which we can preserve our-
selves from ruin.

The Board asked authority from the Convention
to refinance its debts, not because they had
not in the past been able to meet the debts, but
because in the near future a larger sum falls
due which must be met, and the present methods
do not meet the need. The refinancing is to
allow an extension of time, and to secure a much
more favorable rate of interest.

Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y.

This one thing we do, pay our debts.



C. Z. HOLLAND

NEW PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in its session December 7-8 elected Reverend C. Z. Holland, pastor of the Baptist Church at Newton, Mississippi, as Promotional Secretary.

The immediate duty of brother Holland will be to complete the Five Thousand Club, which now has more than 4,000 members. He will then give much time to promoting the Cooperative Program by emphasizing Stewardship and Tithing.

Brother Holland was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, in 1929. He graduated at Mississippi College in 1929 and at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1934. He has been pastor of the church at Newton for two years and president of Clarke College for two years in connection with his pastorate. He is a native of Clarke County, Mississippi. He was associated with Dr. Dobbins doing field work for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky. He resigned his pastorate at Newton December 13th, and will begin his work as Promotional Secretary of the Baptist Convention Board January 1, 1937.

All who know him seem to think the Board has made a wise selection. Therefore, it is expected that he will have the hearty cooperation of the constituency throughout the State. He will live in Jackson.

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NOTHING PERSONAL INTENDED

My statement concerning deficits on the paper as given in the last issue of the Baptist Record was not intended as a reflection upon the editor.

Nearly a quarter million of dollars will be paid to annuity beneficiaries by The Relief and Annuity Board during 1937. In a few years this Board will be paying several times this amount by reason of the cooperation of pastors and churches in the Age Security Plan which requires 3% payments by the preachers of their monthly salaries, and 3% by the churches. The Government is securing the old age of millions of workers through a contributory plan like this, but all denominational workers, preachers, missionaries, etc., are excluded from this Government contributory plan. Surely our churches will now take to heart the appeal of The Relief and Annuity Board in behalf of their ministers. The best time to do it is when the budget is being made. Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary, 2002 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas.

It was far from it. The purpose was to try to focus attention of the readers upon the tremendous mistake which is being made by our denomination in piling up indebtedness. When once we can discuss the issues of the denomination and keep our eyes focused on these issues without personalities, the better for all concerned.

The subscription price of the Baptist Record has been agreed upon by the Baptist State Convention Board. The price will not produce sufficient revenue for paying expenses of publishing the paper. There were two objects in view in reducing the subscription price. The first was to increase the circulation of the paper. The other was to increase the contributions to the work of the denomination as a result of increasing the number of readers. One Baptist paper in one of the Southern States seems to run without a deficit. It has a good circulation, the Baptists of the State are well informed and the subscription price of the paper is \$2.00. It is also published in a city where there is much advertising to be done. It is not easy to secure advertising for religious papers in Mississippi. Furthermore, the Baptist Record will not accept some advertising which is accepted by secular papers, which is right and proper. We shall in all probability continue to have deficits until those who should read our paper are willing to pay a subscription price sufficient to pay the cost of production. Certainly they should be willing to do this. A good majority of those who have considered the cost feel that it is more profitable to have a deficit with a larger circulation than it is to have no deficits with a small circulation.

The deficits were shown with the hope that the State Board might devise some plan whereby the deficits might be either reduced or eliminated since the paper is denominational organ.

There was no thought of reflecting upon the editor. If half of the Baptists in Mississippi would support the denominational work with their prayers, labor and gifts as does the editor of the Baptist Record, there would be no deficits anywhere and there would never be any need for borrowing money for any phase of the work. For many years this writer has not known one whose contributions and unstinted services have surpassed those of the editor. There has been no one found who surpasses in integrity and sincerity the editor of our paper.

So, it is the desire of the writer that we come back again to face the problem of debt. Clarke College property has already become the property of the town of Newton because sewerage and paving taxes have not been paid. One of our senior institutions has a mortgage on it for \$50,000.00 and the interest on its bonds is already in default. The bondholders have it within their power to foreclose on the institution. Another institution has a mortgage on it and interest and bonds are past due on this institution.

We are expecting too much of our creditors when we believe that they should remain quiet when both interest and bonds are in default. If reports are true, another denomination in another Southern State has had a judgment rendered against it by the court and the judgment calls for \$745,891.00. It seems that this denomination has defaulted and the bondholders have brought suit. What has been done for this denomination can be done to the Baptist denomination of Mississippi with more than \$1,000,000.00 of outstanding obligations.

WHY INCREASED DEBTS?

The question was asked some days ago by one of our loyal supporters, why an increase of indebtedness this year over last year? This is accounted for in more than one way. One is that more interest is due now on bonds than was due one year ago. Another is that the indebtedness of some of the Convention's institutions is more than it was a year ago. With interest amounting to \$170.00 a day, there must of necessity be a large income if we keep up with the interest. The Convention some years ago declared against the making of any more indebtedness, but enough has already been made to increase the indebted-

ness each year considerably unless we keep up with the interest.

Some reductions were made in the obligations of the Convention as listed by the auditor in 1935. The principal of the bonded indebtedness was reduced about \$4,000.00. The amount payable to the banks was reduced about \$18,000.00. So, the principal of the indebtedness of the Convention was reduced approximately \$22,000.00 during this year. But the interest due on the bonds had increased \$15,000.00, to say nothing of the increased obligations on institutions.

HYPOCRITES

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Men often sneeringly besmirch
The hypocrites who go to church;
Yet no one has a word to say
Of hypocrites who stay away.

—Edgar Guest

One of the greatest needs among Baptists today is to eliminate grousing. Grousing is about the worst psychology that we know anything about.

New Albany has a good list of Record readers. Last week they voted to increase Pastor Kirkland's salary. It pays to have the Record in the homes of your people.

We see that one Baptist preacher has recently taken as a subject for a Sunday sermon, the proposed marriage of the king of Great Britain. Maybe there are others of whom we have not heard.

The December meeting of the Central Mississippi Preachers' Conference was held Monday at Clinton. There was a good attendance including many ministerial students of Mississippi College. The program consisted mostly of a discussion of scripture teaching about the church, and was exceedingly helpful and interesting. The ladies of the Clinton Church served an elegant luncheon, for which they received the hearty thanks of the brethren.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention took under consideration the request from some states for cooperation and distribution of funds in the 100,000 Club, recommending that wherever the states desire to do so the funds be divided, giving not less than fifty per cent to Southwide objects, that the name 100,000 Club be retained, that the states pay the cost of promotion, and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention furnish the necessary literature.

The editor had the pleasure of teaching the Sunday school lesson last Sunday to the T. E. L. Class of First Church, Jackson. This is an organized class which functions all the time, having a program of diverse ministries which includes missions, the orphanage, the poor and many others. Just at this season they are very busy. Mrs. Overstreet is president, Mrs. A. B. Smith is teacher, taking the place of Mrs. Mize in her absence, and they have committees which look after all departments of their work. They could give pointers to other Sunday school classes seeking to serve 100%. We enjoyed teaching the first chapter of Revelation and they were kind enough to express great appreciation.

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The Relief and Annuity Board has paid during 1936 \$278,010.24 in benefits to preachers and their widows, to missionaries or other denominational employees. Of this amount \$83,000.00 was paid in Relief benefits, leaving \$195,000.00 paid in the form of annuities. This amount will be multiplied many fold in the years ahead by reason of the participation of the churches with their pastors in the Age Security Plans of the Board.

The Plan that seems most satisfactory to preachers and churches is the Age Security Plan that requires 3% from the preacher and 3% from the church monthly. Has your Budget Committee included this 3% on account of its minister? If not, by all means do it and do it now. Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, S. B. C., 2002 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas.

NEW ALBANY
By Mrs. W. F. Smith

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According to the traditions which have come down to us, what is now Union County, Mississippi, was the home of the Chickasaw Indians long before the coming of the white man. These first citizens were a noble race, taller and fairer than the other Indian tribes of Mississippi. As hunters and warriors they had no superiors on this continent. Pickett, the historian, said of them: "They could not be defeated by DeSoto with his Spanish army in 1541; by Bienville with his French army and Southern Indians in 1736; by D'Arteguette with his French army and Northern Indians; by Marquis De Vaudreuil with his French troops and Choctaws in 1752; nor by the Creeks, Cherokees, Kickapoos, Shawnees and Choctaws who continually waged war against them." Their most populous village in Union County was near Ingomar and here were the most elaborate mounds and earthworks to be found in this section of the State.

The chroniclers of DeSoto's expedition were the first to record the history of this people. According to the Journal of the Gentleman of Elvas, Alibano was one of the friendly Indian chiefs who visited DeSoto in his winter camp near Pontotoc in January, 1541. Alibano was chief of the Alibano or Alabama Indians whose principal town was on the present site of New Albany and who probably were a part of the Chickasaw tribe which became separated from them during the Great Migration. The original name of the tribe was "Alibano," which means "I am alone."

In April, 1541, after his camp near Pontotoc had been burned by the Chickasaws, DeSoto and his men moved toward Alibano. Here on the bank of the Tallahatchie River they found a fort where the Alabamas were waiting for them, arrayed in war paint, feathers and horns. When the Spaniards approached, they beat drums and with loud yells rushed to meet them. A fierce battle took place and the Indians were finally routed after DeSoto had lost several men and many horses. After this battle, which was the last in which he participated on Mississippi soil, DeSoto crossed the Tallahatchie River and marched on toward the Great River which he discovered a week later.

Claiborne describes this fort at Alibano as "a quadrangle four hundred paces long on either side, constructed of pickets. It was divided into a number of compartments to enable the besieged to retreat, when hard pressed, from one to the other." This fort, which was the strongest fortification DeSoto had encountered since leaving Mobile, was on the south bank of the river a short distance south of the concrete bridge which now spans it. It is said that the river at this place had a solid rock bottom from which it derived its name Tallahatchie, or Tahre Hache, as the Indians called it, means "Rock River." Near the site of the fort have been found a thin silver plate bearing the Spanish coat-of-arms, Spanish coins with the date 1539 stamped on them and a broken Spanish sword.



BRIDGE ACROSS THE TALLAHATCHIE

The battle with the Alabamas caused DeSoto to change his course from north to northwest and led to his discovery of the Mississippi River instead of the Ohio. Soon after the battle, the Alabamas moved eastward and the early settlers found the Chickasaws living on their grounds.

The last king of the Chickasaws, Ishtehotopah, and his chief officer, Tishomingo, lived in Union County. Ishtehotopah became king in 1820 when he was twenty years old and died of a broken heart in the Indian Territory about 1840. He was one of the signers of the Treaty of Pontotoc on October 20, 1832, when the Chickasaw Indians ceded to the United States Government the greater part of north Mississippi. Dr. Cushman, a preacher and teacher who lived among the Indians for about seventy-five years, said of the signing of this treaty: "Ishtehotopah, the king, first walked up with a countenance showing the emotions of one about to sign his death warrant and made his mark. Then Tishomingo advanced with solemn mein and did likewise, the Indians lingered for several years on the scenes of their former glory. Eventually, one group after another, each in charge of a chief, moved off toward their new homes in the West.

About 1835, pioneers from the older states began to seek homes in the new country. Many of these traveled the same road over which DeSoto had passed almost three hundred years before and over which the Indians had traveled for hundreds of years before his coming—the Chickasaw Trail, which ran from Mobile, Alabama, to the Chickasaw Bluffs on the Mississippi River. About two miles north of New Albany this trail divided, the short trail running in a northwest direction while the long trail turned northeast and followed the ridge to Bolivar, Tennessee,

and on to the Chickasaw Bluffs. The Bankhead Highway closely follows the course of the short trail between New Albany and Memphis.

There was a camping ground three miles southeast of New Albany where many of the early settlers lived until they could select home sites and build their houses. Communities soon sprang up in the various parts of the county which were named for a prominent citizen or for the nearby trees or springs.

In 1836, an Indian trading post was laid out two miles north of New Albany and was named Albertson for Isaac Albertson, a squaw-man, its first citizen and trader. In 1837, F. S. Wilie was postmaster and there were two stores which did a thriving business with the Indians, many of whom had received large sums of money from the sale of their land.

In 1840 a grist and saw mill was built in the bend of the Tallahatchie River on the present site of New Albany which was the head of the flat boat navigation on the river, and the business of Albertson was soon moved to this place. Although not a trace of the village is left, arrow and spearheads are yet to be found in abundance near the old settlement.

In 1843 the business houses of New Albany consisted of a mill, a blacksmith shop, a tin shop and a dry goods store. These were situated on Main Street and the river bridge was at the foot of the street. There was a Primitive Baptist Church near the town which was built in 1838 and soon after this time an Old School Presbyterian Church was erected.

The population steadily increased and the town was incorporated in 1850 as a part of Pontotoc County. Mr. Joel A. Hearne was its first mayor.

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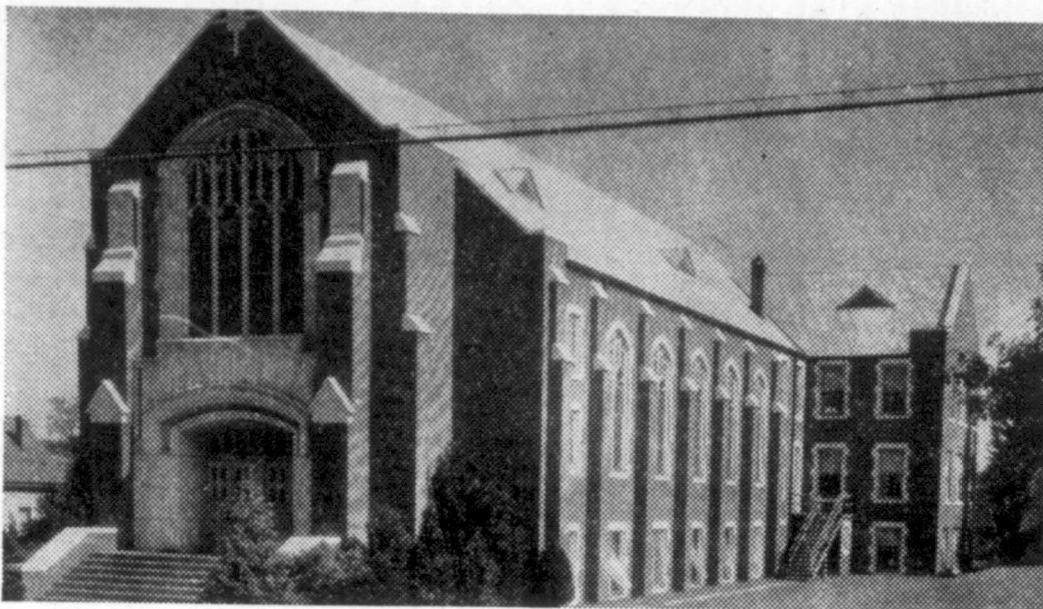


TALLAHATCHIE BASIN. In This Vicinity DeSoto Fought a Battle with the Alibano Indians.

Thursday, December 17, 1936

THE BAPTIST RECORD

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FIRST M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEW ALBANY
By N. J. Golding

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Methodism in New Albany dates back to 1870 when New Albany circuit was formed, with seven churches comprising the circuit, which had for its headquarters the small village that was New Albany 66 years ago.

During the first two years of Methodist activity services were held in private homes in inclement weather and out under the trees in fair weather, with later meetings being held during 1873 in Granger Hall, which was the reorganized meeting hall of the public of New Albany in that early day.

By 1876 the Methodist congregation had joined with other denominations of the little town to build a union church to be used until 1886 when the first Methodist church building of New Albany came into being. This first building was on a lot just across the street from the site of the present modern church building.

As time passed and the city and church grew the first modest building, erected under the direction of the late Rev. D. L. Cogdell, was remodelled and added to and served until the present structure came into being in 1927-28.

Four years after the founding of New Albany circuit in 1870, the first organized Methodist church was formed in New Albany in 1874 with seven members enrolled. They were Mrs. Z. M. Stephens, Mrs. Jim Williamson, Mrs. Jess Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Yearby, J. A. Smallwood and Joel H. Hearn. In 1875 the first Sunday school was formed with Alec Yearby as superintendent.

From this early and small beginning the Methodist church of New Albany has grown to a position of prominence and leadership, not only locally, but in its conference activity. From a congregation of six, without a building, it has expanded into a total membership of 663, with a building that is the pride of every Methodist in the section. The Sunday school has grown to become one of the finest to be found, and the small contribution made by those pioneer members at their initial meeting has grown until in the past 17 years the yearly average has amounted to \$15,000, a total of \$278,784.

Pastors who have served this church from its inception to the present are the Reverends H. E. Smith, Peter Fleming, L. J. Taylor, D. W. Stubbs, E. B. Ramsey, John McElhannon, R. A. Ellis, D. W. Babb, D. L. Cogdell, T. B. Malone, J. W. Bell, J. M. Wyatt, J. G. Porter, K. A. Jones, J. W. Anderson, O. L. Savage, W. C. Harris, L. M. Lipscomb, S. L. Pope, J. M. Bradley, J. E. Stephens, M. Johnson, J. D. Wrotten, T. H. Dorsey, J. H. Holder, and the present, N. J. Golding.

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Swedish Baptists in America gave to the Lord's work nearly \$20.00 per capita last year.

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NEW ALBANY

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We learn from an old diary that in 1854 New Albany was "a business little place." In 1856 a carriage and wagon factory was established.

When war was declared in 1861, several companies went out from the surrounding country. Company K, 21st Mississippi Regiment, which was known as the New Albany Grays, was organized at New Albany on May 16, 1861. This company reached Richmond on June 20th and engaged in some of the fiercest battles of the Civil War. Although there were no battles of note fought here, there were several skirmishes in the vicinity for the armies of the North and South often moved by way of New Albany. Van Dorn crossed the river here on the evening of December 18, 1862 and camped for the night on the north bank on his march to Holly Springs where he burned the Federal stores; Grierson, on his raid through Mississippi, passed through New Albany where he captured a Confederate post and camped for the night five miles south of the town; in 1863 the whole town was burned by the 9th Illinois Regiment.

For several years after the close of the war there were no stores in New Albany but merchandise was sold in the residence of one of the citizens. Slowly the town was rebuilt and in 1870, when Union County was formed from parts of Pontotoc and Tippah Counties, New Albany, being centrally located and the largest town within its boundaries, was made the county seat. A jail and court house was completed in 1871. Soon afterward a Grange hall was built which served as school house, church, Masonic hall and general meeting place for the community. A school house was erected in 1876 and the same year all the denominations of the town joined in building a church in which the several congregations worshipped until a Methodist church was built in 1886.

For many years efforts were made to secure a railroad for New Albany and when the Kansas City, Mobile and Birmingham and Ship Island, Ripley and Kentucky Railroads were constructed through the county in 1887, there was great rejoicing. The former is now the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad and the latter is the Gulf, Mobile and Northern.

Since the advent of the railroads, the growth and development of New Albany have been steady. The population increased from 250 in

REV. N. J. GOLDING
Methodist Pastor

1880 to 1,132 in 1900. During that time there were several disastrous fires and better and more commodious buildings replaced those which were destroyed. Electric lights and waterworks were installed. A brick school house was built. New churches were erected to meet the needs of the growing congregations. All the secret fraternities had flourishing lodges. Banks, a compress, an ice factory and numerous other enterprises were established. New subdivisions were laid out and quickly settled. New Albany was on a boom.

The population of the town is now approximately 3,700 and it is one of the best towns in north Mississippi. It is the junction of the two railroads which have been mentioned, and of three highways, namely, United States Highway 78 and State Highways 15 and 30. Its streets are well paved and well lighted; its public buildings are handsome and spacious and above all, its people are cordial and gracious. In fact, New Albany lives up to its name, "The Fair and Friendly City."

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BAPTISTS IN NEW ALBANY

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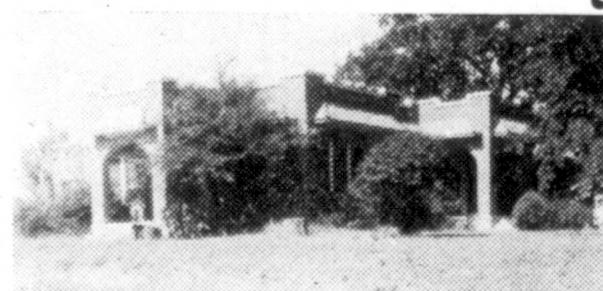
(Continued from page 1) Bonds, insurance, and interest have been met. Gifts to benevolence and missions are increased. Fifty-five members have been added to the church this year, thirty by baptism and twenty-five by letter. The church and Sunday school officers with the board of deacons and pastor work together in a delightful spirit of fellowship and cooperation.

So the monumental result of this religious activity on the part of Baptists in this section is both a material and a spiritual blessing. The city of New Albany has felt the influence of the Master's spirit through the Baptists of this town. May they continue to gather in their house of worship called by the clear ringing tones of the old bell contributed many years ago by the venerable Mr. James Hill.

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Five years of service with the First Baptist Church of Meridian came to a close Sunday, November 29. During that period there were 519 additions with a net gain of 191. During that period \$119,497.81 was raised for all purposes from all sources. \$39,620.39 for purposes other than overhead. \$27,600 has been paid on the debt on the church property. Our work goes well now. —Pastor H. C. Bass.

There be some who tell you that we will never get anywhere in religious work as long as Christians are split up into various denominations. All history of religion in this country is refutation of this idea. The millions of souls saved, the millions invested in church buildings and institutions, the hundred of thousands of missionaries sent out, have all been done by the so-called "sects." What people call catholic unity has always resulted in stagnation and moral decay.



NEW ALBANY HOSPITAL

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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The Christmas season is drawing near and we still have quite a few names on the list of aged ministers and the widows of aged ministers that have not been called for. I know we do not want any of them to go without Christmas cheer this year. Write me for a name.

We have had some very splendid echoes from the Week of Prayer—some saying they have had the largest offering they have ever had. We are praying that every organization will give every member an opportunity to have a part in the offering before sending in the final amount.

INDIANOLA W. M. U.

"The Lottie Moon Week of Prayer was held each afternoon in the Baptist Church parlor during the Week of Prayer of November 30-December 4th. There was a good attendance each day and a splendid program rendered.

Friday, we had as our inspirational speaker Miss Minnie Landrum, a returned missionary from Brazil. Our hearts were gladdened to see the work of the Holy Spirit in this speaker. The Master is blessing in a great way. There were several deacons present to hear the wonderful message, as well as a large crowd of W. M. U. workers.

A delightful lunch was served at the annex by Circle No. 4. We went over the top of our goal; which was set for \$100.00.

Mrs. Percy Ray, Reporter."

From Mrs. J. F. Scull:

"We had our Executive Committee meeting of our association and yesterday we had our associational conference. All associational officers were present except the White Cross chairman. Each officer had her group in two hour conferences, eight societies were represented. We had a good day."

Such meetings as these strengthen the work in an unusual way and help the local women to carry on intelligently.

January of each year is given to our sixteen institutes (two in each district) for the purpose of acquainting ourselves with every detail of the work for the calendar year as set forth in the Year Book and the Officers' Guide Book. We are hoping for a larger attendance at these meetings than we have ever had, because our women are recognizing the value of such study groups. Our dates and places are as follows:

January 6—Moorehead
January 7—Marks
January 8—Grenada
January 11—Sardis
January 12—Ripley
January 13—Nettleton
January 14—West Point
January 15—Ackerman
January 18—Canton
January 19—Union
January 20—Loui
January 21—Laurel
January 22—Biloxi
January 25—Tylertown
January 26—Union Church
January 27—Crystal Springs

Dear Miss Traylor:

Our W. M. U. President wants me to write you about our week of prayer, which we all feel was one of the most helpful we have ever had. Mrs. Matz gives most careful thought to planning anything, which is more than half the success of an undertaking. She worked hard on

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE Y. W. A.

The college Y. W. A. general assembly program of Blue Mountain on Wednesday evening, November 18, was a very impressive and soul-stirring one. The purpose of the program was to emphasize our Lottie Moon offering by stressing its value to the many phases of our missionary work that are able to continue by the aid of this offering and to clearly bring again to our minds the mission Jesus gave to us and for which God brought us into this world to fulfill.

Theresa Anderson, president of our B. S. U., gave the following:

Message of the Cross

Crucifixion for atonement of human sin
Redemption through repenting
Obedience in proclaiming His story
Spirit of God in obedience

Sanctification of life through Spirit of God in freedom from sin by Jesus' crucifixion

The special feature of our program was a pantomime of "O Zion, Haste" prepared by Miss Belle Naul and rendered by a group of her physical education students.

As the seven girls, dressed in white robes and proclaiming in pantomime that God is Light, entered in line from the left side of the stage, our quartette behind scene sang, "O Zion, Haste." Surely He spoke to each of our hearts as those girls stood on each side of a flight of white stairs on which lay the cross, while soft orchid light flooded the stage and reflected on the mellow gray background. Our mission was made very clear to us as those girls brought us in pantomime the message of "O Zion, Haste" while others back stage rendered the message in song.

The pantomime stirred within us the desire to look out and see the multitudes that are bound in the prison house of sin without the knowledge of the eternal life our Savior died to give to them and to hasten His Kingdom by giving of our prayers, our services and our wealth. Surely contributing to our Lottie Moon offering for aid in the support of our missions is one of the most real means of using our material blessings in proclaiming His message.

—Louise Ivy

the plans for this week of prayer, carefully planned every detail, then when the time came she was sick in bed and could be present only one day, and then is when we all realized the value of what she had done in getting ready. There was a total of 146 during the five days, an average of 29 plus for each day, with forty-seven different members attending in all. I mean by this, it was not the same group every day, there were some new ones added each day, which in all included forty-seven people reached. I'm not sure that I have made this clear. Friday we spent the time from ten in the morning until we were through the day's program, carrying out the schedule as printed by the committee. Each lady had been asked to bring a sandwich and there was hot coffee for everybody in the Beginners' Department, so at noon the ladies quietly went in for just a bite, not spending much time, then right back to the program of prayer. At the close, all joined hands in a circle and each one offered a little prayer, truly mak-

ing of ourselves a link in the chain of prayer encircling the globe. We felt that it was time when "Heaven came down our souls to greet" and that we had spent a most worthwhile day in the Master's service.

Monday afternoon the Ann of Ava Circle, composed of young matrons of W. M. U., will give the program in December Royal Service. We will all meet together in the home of Mrs. Matz for this special service.

The unfinished offering for Week of Prayer is \$361.71.

Mrs. D. N. Garner

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Sunflower, Miss.,
December 8, 1936

Dear Miss Traylor:

Will you please send me ten W. M. S. seals. We have just finished our last Mission Study book for 1936.

This has been a great year for us and I'd like for you to know some of the things we have accomplished. We have had splendid programs that have been well planned, well developed, well nourished, strong and healthy in knowledge of missions. Our Mission Study classes have been quite interesting and we have gotten seals on the following books:

Who Is My Neighbor?
Larger Stewardship.
At the Gate of Asia.
Missionary Lessons from the Bible.
Palestinian Tapestries.
Basil Lee Lockett, A Beloved Physician.

I think I am safe in saying that 75% of our members are interested in Mission Study. We have members like this—who feel that they cannot afford to miss Mission Study.

I'm very proud of the work done in our young people's organizations. Mrs. Mullen, who is our young people's leader, has not failed in anything. In our W. M. U. I have given 178 seals and certificates. Our goal was 150 and we are happy that we have gone beyond the goal. It seems that we have found mission books more thrilling and interesting than ever before and I'm almost regretting that I will not be Mission Study leader another year, but with our same president, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Powell again for program leader and Mrs. Sledge our new Mission Study leader I'm sure 1937 will be far better than 1936 has been.

Thanking you very much for the seals and best wishes to you from our society, I am

Josie S. McEachern

BR

From Dr. H. M. King we learn that at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention last week, the property of the Montezuma College at East Las Vegas, N. M., was sold to the Catholics for \$19,000.00, also a piece of property elsewhere which we did not get, and that the percentages were changed in distributing receipts from the Hundred Thousand Club. This was because some have been able to reduce debts more than others. At the request of the Foreign Mission Board their ratio was reduced. That of the Home Board was increased, as was that of the Southwestern Seminary. That of the Baptist Bible Institute was slightly raised, and that of the Louisville Seminary slightly lowered. Arrangement was made for a working agreement between those working for payment of Southwide debts and those working for payment of state debts. More exact information will be given when in hand. This working agreement was secured, we understand on request from Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.



J. P. KIRKLAND
Pastor First Baptist Church
New Albany, Miss.

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Our pastor was born in Weakley County, Tennessee, between Paris and Dresden.

He was reared a Primitive Baptist but united with the First Baptist Church, Urbana, Illinois, in 1909. This church licensed him to preach. He was ordained by the First Baptist Church, Manilius, Illinois, in 1911.

Brother Kirkland's father, Dr. R. S. Kirkland, moved his family to Fulton, Kentucky, when he was a lad of seven, where he received his primary and high school education. He continued his studies at Ewing College, Ewing, Illinois, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has held five pastorates: Manilius, Illinois; Rozetta, Illinois; Portland Avenue, Louisville, Ky.; Mt. Eden, Ky.; and New Albany, Miss.

Reverend Kirkland was called to the pastorate of this church more than ten years ago. The pulpit committee had more than forty names before them for consideration and his name was selected as the logical man for the place. The committee never did accept no for an answer. During his pastorate

more than 500 have united with the church.

We had a debt of more than \$50,000.00 on our church at his coming and during these years the debt has been reduced to \$9,500.00. Brother Kirkland is so thoroughly missionary that he has never been satisfied for the church, during this debt and depression period, to give less for missions than in former years.

In appreciation of his service to our church, city and county, his friends in 1934 presented him the funds to attend the Baptist World Alliance in Berlin. He has at all times cooperated with other churches in our association, Blue Mountain and our State Mission Board.

Varda Smith,
Chairman Board of Deacons

—BR—

REV. J. P. KIRKLAND
President of Board of Trustees of
Blue Mountain College
By Lawrence T. Lowrey, President
Blue Mountain College

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In November, 1926, very shortly after Rev. John P. Kirkland became pastor of the First Baptist Church at New Albany, he was elected to membership on the Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College. His interest in the college and his good service in its behalf quickly led to his selection as vice-president of the Board, and he held this office until April 10, 1931. On this date Mr. M. E. Leake of Tupelo, who had served the college so faithfully for six years and who was president of the Board most of this time, tendered his resignation, and Vice-President Kirkland was made president.

During the five and one-half years that brother Kirkland has served in this capacity he has attended virtually every meeting of the Board itself and of the committees of which he is ex-officio chairman. He has always presided with ease and fairness and has invariably shown the finest spirit and has sought in innumerable ways to help in the solution of the many problems that have arisen. He has devoted a vast amount of time to the college and has come to a won-

derful understanding of its many departments and interests.

Often he has made trips to distant points, sometimes out of the state, for the benefit of the college. In the choice and adjustments of the college personnel, in its financial problems during the depression, in its joys, and in its sorrows, he has always extended a helping hand; and in every way he has been an invariable asset.

Fortunate indeed is any educational institution to have such a man as J. P. Kirkland to preside over its governing board.

—BR—

PASTOR KIRKLAND, A CITIZEN
AND CIVIC LEADER
By Arthur Rogers, President
Chamber of Commerce

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As president of the organization I write to express our appreciation for his inspirational and constructive work among our people. I just don't know how the community could get along without his help in all our religious and civic affairs. He is always on hand to give us encouragement and help work out our many problems. He is not only interested in the things for the betterment of our city and community, but joins in and takes the lead in doing them. Since coming into our midst some ten or twelve years ago he has been one of the leading spirits in our Red Cross, Boy Scouts and Crippled Children's work. The success of these undertakings, I attribute largely to his efforts. I shall never forget or cease to appreciate the splendid work he did during the dark days of the depression, when banks were closing almost every day and confidence was at such a low ebb. He worked day and night rebuilding the courage and faith of our people. No other civic leader, or citizen has done more for our community.

I have told you these things before, but felt I wanted to repeat them at this time. I wish it known that I personally appreciate his friendship.

A. L. Rogers,
Cashier Bank of Commerce



VARDA SMITH

Chairman Board of Deacons, Moderator Union County Association, and Member State Convention Board

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Brother Smith comes from the family of the early pioneer Smith preachers of this section, and has inherited their devotion and loyalty for Christ's cause. His open mind and calm disposition and intelligent understanding makes him a splendid presiding officer, fair and reasonable and honest in his decisions.

J. T. Swain, Senior Deacon

—BR—

SOME OF THE EARLY PASTORS,
MISSIONARIES AND FREQUENT
VISITORS

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Some of our recent and present pastors in the Union County Association:

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—From Records of Varda Smith.

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The customer, having coughed loudly to signify his impatience, at last attracted the shopkeeper's attention.

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UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by
L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for December 20 INFILLING BY THE LORD OF LOVE

I John 4

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Now, the International Sunday School Lesson Committee named the lesson for today, "The Supreme Gift of Love." Does not the verse quoted above set forth the supreme gift of love? Now, see how John begins his discussion of love in the epistle from which our lesson text is taken: "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God hath sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

If we want to have a full understanding of love, we need to study God's love expressed in sending His only begotten Son. And if we want to realize love in our own hearts, we need to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and what He came to accomplish. Let us then go back of love itself to the home of love in the heart of God, and study it not as an abstraction but as a pulsing characteristic of the very life of God. "God is love," so when we study love, let us not forget at all that we keep God in the foreground.

I. Marks of Identity Borne by Those Whom God Infilled (Vv. 1-6).

He whom God has infilled with love will be careful not to allow the love of God to be counterfeited or imitated. He will "Test the spirits, whether of God they are" (Rotherham). Not that anyone who is of Christ should be willing to listen to every voice which claims to speak for God, or to perform the wish of everyone who claims to be the servant of God, but that the servant of Christ should be careful to know that no false prophet gets the ear of God's little ones or spoils God's work.

If anyone confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, he thereby exhibits one of the marks of a God-begotten man. But, if he confesseth not Christ, he is not of God. This is mark of identity-number one. Again, the man who hears as authoritative the voice of God is His accredited servants, "He that understands God, hearkens to us" (Rotherham). I think this means that those who dispute the Bible where it runs counter to their desires cast suspicion upon themselves as real servants of God. "Oh, everybody believes the Bible." Very true, where it speaks the words they want to hear. But the Bible speaks

words of rebuke and reproof. When any of its words condemn us, our way of living, or the way any of ours live, and we deny that word, we thereby cast suspicion upon our own profession of Christ. Have you heard a deacon or other Christian worker say concerning some passage of scripture which cuts across his pathway, "Yes, I know that is in there. I have read it, but I do not believe it?"

Again, the man will bear watching who places himself among those who, "Are of the world, for this reason, of the world they speak, and the world to them hearkens" (Rotherham). Do you know a church member whose methods of thought and action in the church are the methods and actions of the world? Do you not know church members who, when any question of policy must be decided, a preacher called, a matter of church policy inaugurated, adopt and pursue the methods of the politician? Talk to him about taking the matter to the Lord in prayer and seeking His will with reference to it, and he looks at you in blank incomprehension, because he does not understand a thing about that. He goes about winning favor to his own view in exactly the same manner he adopts in seeking the election of a candidate for sheriff.

II. The Emotions Which Betoken the Presence in the Heart of the Love with Which God Infills (Vv. 7-11).

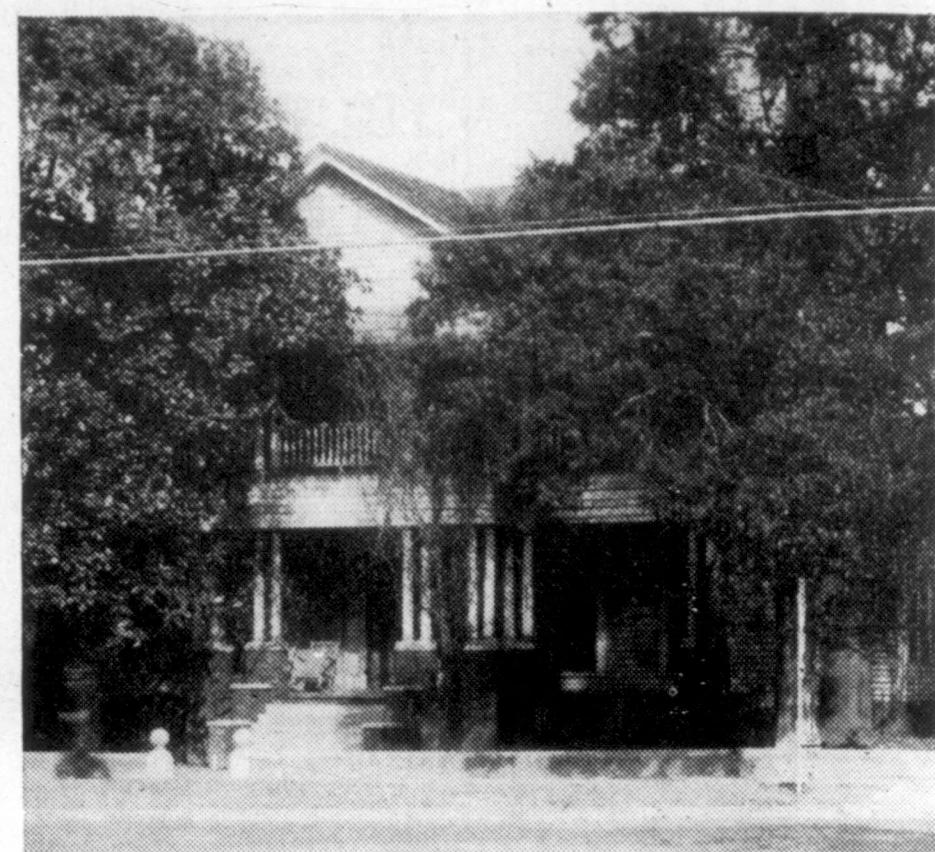
One has well said that I tell the world what I am by the way I feel toward others. I may think of a man as I will, but I may not feel unChristly toward him without betraying the fact that I am unChristian. "Beloved, let us love one another," is the identifying demand of John made upon every professor of Christianity. You may know that a man is not a Christian, is not a gentleman, is a bad citizen; but it is well for you to know at the same time that God loves that man; "For God so loved the world," all the world of men, good and bad. But when it comes to the case of Christian's fellowship with Christian, there must be no doubt. "Love one another."

The example of what John talks about is God. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us," when we were unlovable and unloved.

III. The Royal Prerogative of Him Whom God Infills (Vv. 12-16)

He has God abiding in him. So said our Lord while he abode with His. "I am the vine: ye are the shoots" (John 15:5. Rotherham). Not only does God abide with the heart which He has infilled, but that heart becomes the studion wherein the Divine artist works love into perfection. Can you think of that without your heart swelling great with gratitude? and wonder? God has chosen men and women that He might in them show the complete development of His perfect love. Again, we have the privilege, if God has infilled us, of having acquaintance and fellowship with God.

My boyhood friend came to see me last week. He has to live in a rare climate, so makes his home in Denver. He comes back occasionally, and when he comes, I would



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rather have fellowship for a day with Thomas Lackey Girault than with any other man who treads the earth. There are differences in our sentiments for people. To be with certain of them is always deemed a rare privilege. How great the privilege of being with God! "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, abideth in Him, and he in God."

IV. The Courage of Him Whom God Infills (Vv. 17, 18).

The future holds no fear for Him who abides in God. Of course this is not true absolutely. There are fearful Christians, but they need not be so. Let love have her perfect work, let God have His way with you unto the perfection of His wish, and all fear is gone.

V. The Duty of Him Whom God Infills (Vv. 19-21).

He first loved us, therefore, we love. He whom God has loved to his salvation, must love also in return the others who God has loved. A man who is object of God's special love must not be hating his brother.

The Christian has never seen the glorious presence of God. If he then says he loves the God whom he has never seen, he must love the brother whom he has seen. He is commanded to do this, and the awful "must" which bound our Lord to sacrifice unto death, binds His followers to love one another.

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CHARLESTON GETS A PASTOR

Rev. Earl H. McElroy, pastor of the Eaton Memorial Baptist Church of Owensboro, Ky., becomes the pastor of Charleston Baptist Church, January 1, 1937.

Brother McElroy was reared and educated in Oxford, Miss. He went to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary two sessions. He was pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss., two years and has been pastor of the Eaton Memorial Baptist Church eight and one-half years. During this time the church advanced from fifth to third place in membership among the seven Baptist churches in Owensboro. He is a great nephew of the writer of this article.

The brethren in Mississippi will find him to be zealous in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God richly bless him in his new pastorate.

J. R. G. Hewlett

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NEW ALBANY SCHOOLS

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The City Schools of New Albany are the result of a continuous growth over a period of sixty-one years. The first school in this city was taught soon after the Civil War, 1875. It was located on a lot now occupied by the home of Mrs. Mary Parker, north of Bankhead Street. It had an enrollment of seven pupils. It remained here only for a short time and was moved to the Baptist church, a frame structure on the site of the present church building. Organized education did not receive much emphasis at this time. The terms were from three to four months in the year, and pupils began their work where it was left off at the last session, often calling for needless repetition. These conditions existed for five years.

In 1880 a building was erected on what is now the present school grounds. Within twenty years it was evident that this building had served its purpose, and it was replaced with a brick structure in 1901. In 1913 the population in the northern part of the town had grown to such an extent that the Cleveland Street School was built to take care of the first six grades on that side of town. By 1916 the school enrollment had grown to 350, which number continued to increase until it became necessary to make additions to this building. The Central Primary School was built in 1926 to take care of the pupils in the southern part of town. At the same time it became necessary to build an addition to the Cleveland Street School, where the enrollment had doubled. The buildings continued to fill with pupils who, shall it be said eager to get knowledge, brought the capacity to overflowing.

By a Federal grant New Albany in 1936 launched a building program to meet the needs of modern education. A new building is being erected to house the Junior-Senior High School and the first six grades in the south side of town.

This building is on the site used for school purposes for fifty-six years. It is a two-story brick structure built in the shape of the letter E. The auditorium is in the center of the building and will seat about eight hundred people. On each side of the auditorium are wings in which class work is to be done. The high school section contains on the

first floor: offices, study hall, library, commercial department, and class rooms. On the second floor are science laboratories, home economics department, a clinic, and additional class rooms. The hallways are equipped with individual lockers and drinking fountains. The elementary school section houses the primary grades and the junior high school. Each primary room contains a wardrobe which is controlled by a single lever operated by the teacher, while the hallways are equipped with individual lockers for the older children.

A new auditorium is being built for the Cleveland Street School. This room has a large stage and will seat about 350 people, which capacity will afford a splendid place for the presentation of plays and entertainments.

The City Schools of New Albany also include a training school for Negroes. In addition to regular courses, home economics, agriculture, farm and general shop work are taught.

There are at present 1,122 pupils enrolled in the New Albany schools. This system includes in its personnel a superintendent, four principals, thirty-two regular teachers, a teacher of dramatics, two piano teachers, and a band instructor. Truly the growth has been continuous and has reached a place of size and efficiency comparable to that of any town in north Mississippi.

W. P. Daniel, Supt.

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TUPELO GARMENT FACTORY

The New Albany Branch of the Tupelo Garment Company was organized in 1927 with 40 machines, being one of the six plants operated by the Tupelo Garment Company. In 1933 a new addition was added to the building and the plant is now running at a capacity production, employing 300 women operating on the 250 machines now in use and 10 men in the cutting department. The plant is able to turn out a hundred dozen shirts an hour.

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Mr. Lamar Williams of New Albany is general superintendent of the local plant and Mrs. Lamar Williams is superintendent of op-

erators. Mr. W. P. Fields is general superintendent and vice-president of the company and is located at Tupelo, Mississippi. Mr. Rex Reed of Tupelo is president.

Leslie Darden

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"You all know that heat causes an object to expand and cold causes it to contract," explained the teacher. "Now I want some one to give me a good example."

"Well, teacher," answered Bobbie Jones, hesitantly, "in the summer the day is long and in the winter it is short." —Ex.

Dear Jerry:

Thank your mother for the fruit cake. And don't tell her I ate it all at once. Headache and upset stomach the next morning didn't last long, because I took Bromo-Seltzer. It worked faster than anything else I've ever tried. Soothed my nerves, too. Left me feeling keener, more alert.

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The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

We have just a few more lessons in our present Bible study, and I have been thinking pretty hard on what we will have for our study next year, 1937, which will soon be with us. I have concluded that we will go back to the Old Testament, and take the life of the Prophet Elijah, who lived in the time of the wicked kings of Israel. I want us to get better acquainted with him. Yesterday, I made out a list of lesson subjects about him, and we have enough stories about Elijah to take us through January, February and March. And what thrilling stories they are. Even I, old as I am, was thrilled with them as I read some of them in the Bible. So during the next three months, we will follow in our Bible lessons the life of an earnest servant of God, who was "very jealous for the Lord God of hosts."

Mrs. Mayo wrote me some time ago that she felt it best to give up with this month her work for our page. She has done this work faithfully and seriously, keeping close to the Bible: We are grateful to her. I have asked her to prepare for us once a month a puzzle, not all of the same kind, but of such kinds as she shall choose, and I hope she will do this. If we have just one a month, you will have more time to work them out, and if they are not all just alike, you will have your interest increased.

Elizabeth Ann tells in her letter of the Thanksgiving play in which she and her brother "had something to say." It's fine to be on the honor roll, too.

Mary Ruth Denson sends her J. L. Club dues, and tells of something new to me, an Attendance Contest between two Sunday schools. Well, you know in all contests, somebody has to be beaten, you or the other one.

Now, as to the next letter. I'm glad Ernest Waller found out about our Children's Circle, for he certainly did write us a nice letter that he never would have done if he hadn't found out about our circle. And now it is his circle, too, for he has written us a letter: also, he is on the honor roll of our page, because he sent a gift.

I'm giving you a note from Miss Mixon, telling us how she had been a little delayed in sending us a letter. We are hoping she has got-

ten all right after the tonsil operation, and will have no more trouble along that line. Next week, we will have the sweet letter she has sent us.

Nothing more for this time, except Julia Frances has sent a little contribution for Christmas gift for our friend. I should like to have some more sent, so send a little if you can.

Much love from,
Mrs. Lipsey

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Crucifixion of Jesus (Continued)
Matt. 22; Mk. 14; Lk. 22; Jno. 18

When Jesus' friends saw how brutally He was treated, they were so terrified that they all fled, except John, and Peter, who followed afar off, (John 18:15) and later did as Jesus had told him he would. Three times he denied his Saviour. Then they led Jesus away to crucify Him, and His strength failed him, they made a man named Simon carry His cross. They nailed Him on the cross, and placed it between the crosses of two robbers. Even then, he was still mocked and ridiculed.

When He had been hanging there three hours, a heavy darkness hung over the country for three hours more. The rail of the temple was torn from top to bottom, and there was an earthquake, and the rocks were torn apart, and the graves were opened. When it was known that he was dead, a good man named Joseph of Arimathea, and another believer, Nicodemus, came and took His body and wrapped it in fine linen and laid Him amid sweet spices in Joseph's own tomb. The priests and Pharisees came and sealed the tomb, so that it could not be opened. They were afraid His body would be stolen by His disciples.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

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Bible Study for January-March
Elijah the Prophet
1. Ahab, the most wicked king of Israel, I Kings 16:29-33.
2. Elijah's message to Ahab, I Kings 17:1-7.
3. Elijah at Zarepheth, I Kings 17:8-16; Luke 4:25, 26.

4. Elijah and the little boy, I Kings 17:17-24.

5. Elijah and Obadiah, I Kings 18:1-16.

6. Elijah on Mt. Carmel, I Kings 18:19-40.

7. Elijah's Prayer for Rain Answered, I Kings 18:41-44.

8. Elijah Flees from Jezebel, I Kings 19:1-8.

9. Elijah and the Lord, I Kings 19:9-14.

10. Elijah is Given Something to do, I Kings 19:15-19.

11. Elijah and Elisha, I Kings 19:19-21.

12. Ahab's Great Sin, I Kings 20:1-16.

13. Elijah Rebukes Ahab, I Kings 20:16-20.

14. Elijah and the Three Captains, II Kings 1:1-14.

15. Elijah and Ahaziah, II Kings 1:15-18.

16. Elijah Makes Ready for His Departure, II Kings 2:1-8.

17. Elijah's Translation, II Kings 2:9-15.

—o— November 30, 1936

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

It has been a long time since I have written you. I had a nice Thanksgiving. And I hope you did. We had a Thanksgiving program at our school Wednesday night. I was the grandmother in a play. My brother, Tommie, also had something to say. I made the honor roll this month at school.

I have another little sister, named Chellie Joe. She is three months old. My little sister Sue Carroll is going to Jackson Tuesday with Grandmother Holder.

Give all my love to the orphans.

With love,
Elizabeth Ann Williams

Yes, it has been a long time since you wrote, Elizabeth Ann. Please don't let it be so long before you write again. I'm sure you looked exactly like grandmother in the play.

—o—
Bay Springs, Miss.,
Dec. 3, 1936

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am enclosing two dollars, one for November and one for December. I am sorry I'm late with my November dues, but I didn't forget to read our page.

We had an attendance contest with the Sylvarena Sunday school and lost, so we had to entertain them at our church. We had a supper, played games in groups, then brother Fore from Alabama preached for us.

Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. We did. My cousin from Starkville came. I certainly hope all the children will remember to send in their dues before Christmas. When

we have so much it's nice to help others.

Lovingly,
Mary Ruth Denson

I'm grateful for the dues, Mary Ruth. And next time, work just a bit harder in the contest, and beat! But I know everybody enjoyed the party.

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New Orleans, La.,
Dec. 9, 1936

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Please excuse me for being late about writing a letter for the Children's Circle.

I have had my tonsils removed and have been out of school a few days.

With love,
Mildred Mixon

—o—
Oxford, Miss.,
Dec. 1, 1936

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am eight years old, and in the third grade in school. I made A on all my studies except drawing, and I just can't draw. So I don't reckon I'll ever be an artist. I have a brother nearly six years old and one two years old. Our little sister is four months old. You see, they are all younger than I am, so I have to help look after the little ones. I help Mamma some, too, when I'm not at school. I can dry the dishes, sweep the floors, and churn. I can make pretty good cornbread, too. Thanksgiving day, I grated some potatoes to make a pudding.

Mrs. Lipsey, I didn't know there was a Children's Circle in the Baptist Record, till a few days ago. Daddy does not take the paper. When I found out about it, I went to Pa's, and hunted some old papers, and I sure did enjoy reading them. I'm going to keep up with them from now on. If I see this in print, I will write again and tell you what he brought. I hope to see this in print, for I want to surprise Ma and Pa, and Mamma and Papa, and my uncle who teaches in Vicksburg, if he takes the paper.

I am your little friend.

Ernest Nolan Waller

I am sending 25 cents for the Orphans.

Ernest, I am so glad to have you as a member, and your gift for the orphans makes you an "honor member." And I'm going to tell you something. When I was eight years old, I lived at Oxford, and for fourteen years after that! We lived at the University, where my father was a professor. So you must come back soon.

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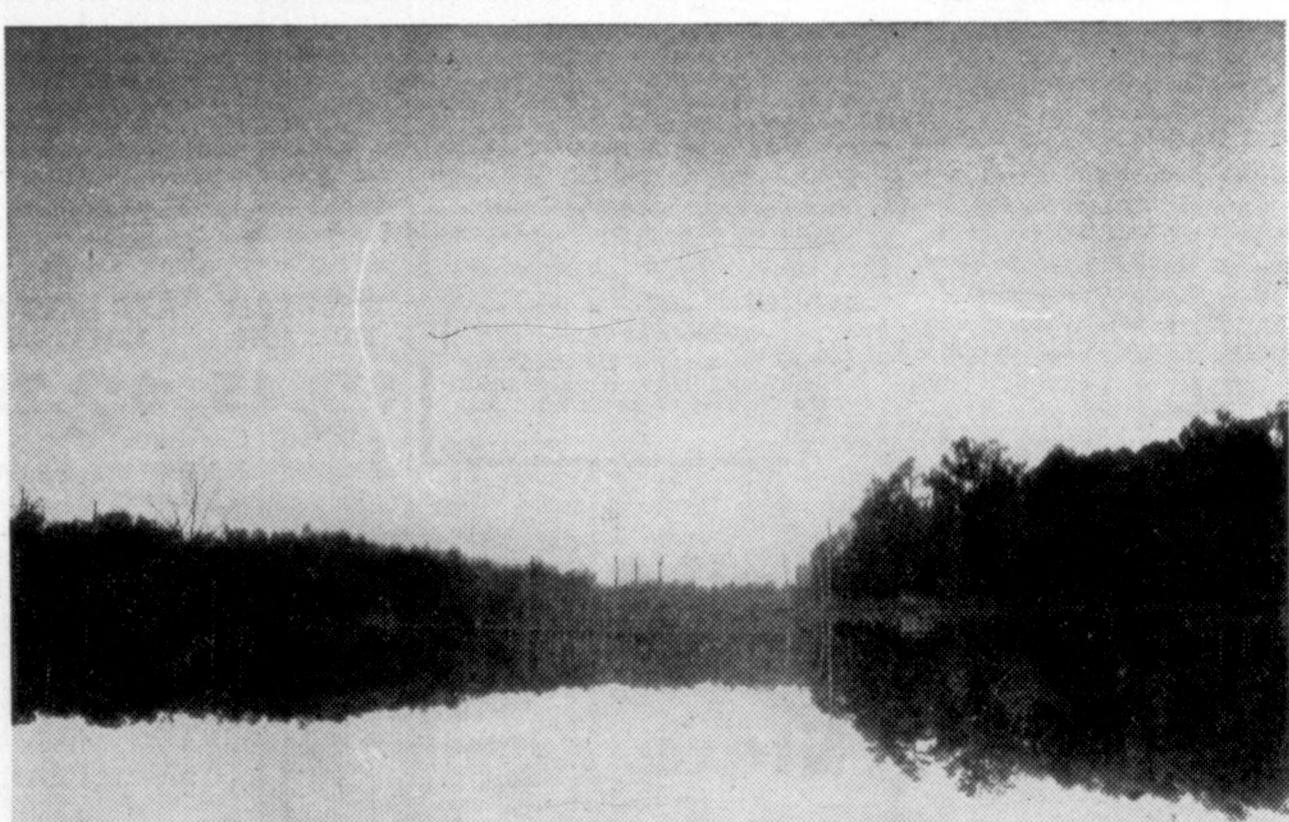
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Thursday, December 17, 1936

Baptist Training Union

Aim—Training in Church Membership

AUBER J. WILDS, General Secretary

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**West Laurel Senior B. Y. P. U.
Starts Church Building**

The West Laurel Church has a splendid building that they have just finished paying for and on December 20th will dedicate to the Lord free of debt. It is interesting to know that when a fund for this new building was begun, a year or more before the building was started, the Senior B. Y. P. U. made the first contribution to the building fund. It was on May 13, 1920. Following this first contribution the other organizations of the church made contributions and steadily the fund grew until sufficient money was in hand to make the start. Today, along with the splendid building, the church has a wonderful organization with a most efficient corps of officers from pastor all the way down. The church appreciates the work of the Training Union, now led by Mr. Moody. At the time this first money was contributed to the building fund Mr. Harry Smallwood was the leader and through these years has been an ardent supporter of the whole church and denominational program. He serves now as the successful superintendent of the Sunday school.

Enon Church Reports Progress

We are happy to have a good report from the Enon church, coming from the corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. J. Walker. An enrollment of 85 divided into four good unions with a full corps of general officers mark the set-up. Mrs. R. L. Boyd is the director; Mrs. Thornhill, secretary; Miss Olive Powell, pianist; Mr. Bill Alford, chorister; O. L. Rand, Senior counsellor; L. A. Johnson, Intermediate leader; Ted Martin, Junior leader, and Mrs. H. T. Bearden, Story Hour leader. The Intermediates had a delightful time in a Thanksgiving social Wednesday, November 25th, with 32 attending. We are happy to have this fine report of the work at Enon. In proportion to church members, this is a fine record of enrollment.

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This will introduce Mr. Bill Martin of Vossburg, newly elected Associational Training Union director of Jasper County Association, to other directors and friends. Mr. Martin enters enthusiastically into the work, planning his meeting of officers for the last Thursday night, in keeping with plans suggested by the state office. Mr. Martin succeeds Mr. Ellis of Heidleberg.

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Collins Has Successful Study Course

We are indebted to Mrs. Earl McRaney, director of the Collins Training Union, for a report of their work. Recently they had a splendid study course for each of the four departments and had an average attendance of forty-five. Teachers for the week were, Rev. W. L. Day, Mrs. Lois D. Armstrong, Miss Rhoda

Todd and Mrs. W. L. Day. Mrs. McRaney in reporting says that this was a most helpful week of study and gave inspiration to the entire Training Union Department. They have an enrollment of seventy-six with good attendance and efficient work. Rev. W. L. Day is the efficient and much beloved pastor.

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**THE SUCCESS OF THE BAPTIST
FINANCIAL PROGRAM AS SEEN
BY A LAYMAN OF ANOTHER
DENOMINATION**

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The writer happens to be thoroughly acquainted with the Baptist Church of New Albany and has often said that it was the gamest, most unselfish church in north Mississippi.

Ten years ago they were almost hopelessly in debt, having built an \$87,000.00 plant. About the time they were clipping along making their payments, the 1929 depression hit them, and, with this, they have lost eight or ten of their best financiers, men who were most able and willing to help carry the burden along. There were times when it looked as if they could not help but fail, but with their untiring leader and pastor who worked continuously and with the unselfish support of a great per cent of its membership, they have made their payments, have paid their pro rata proportion on every movement the church asked, including their mission program, their cooperative program, in fact, all the many calls from the denomination.

It has been a heroic struggle and with sacrifice on the part of many of the members.

From a banker's and business man's point of view, it is one of the outstanding accomplishments of any church in north Mississippi, and the pastor and the members deserve credit for having made the fight and they are now virtually over the hill. Other sister denomina-

nations of the town rejoice with them in their accomplishment.

D. H. Hall, Chairman
Board of Directors Bank of New Albany.

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The West Laurel Baptist Church extends a cordial invitation to all members, former members, and friends to be present on Sunday, December 20, for the Dedicatory Service and Home Coming Day. A good program has been arranged, and you will enjoy the fellowship.

The program follows:
9:45—Sunday school, attendance goal 650.

10:45—Song service, W. T. Montgomery in charge.

11:10—Pastor in charge, Rev. A. B. Pierce.

History of building campaign, and burning of church notes—Harry Smallwood.

Thanksgiving prayer — Horace Headrick.

11:30—Dedicatory message, Dr. Bryan Simmons.

12:10—Responsive reading, dedicating the house, led by pastor.

Dedicatory prayer.

12:30—Dinner.

2:30—Song service.

History of Church, Mrs. W. O. Hedpath, and Mrs. W. B. Moody.

2:40—Forward Look, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president, Baptist Bible Institute.

6:10—B. T. U.—Goal 300, W. B. Moody, director.

7:15—Illustrated Lecture, The Holy Land, and Life of Christ, Rev. A. B. Pierce.

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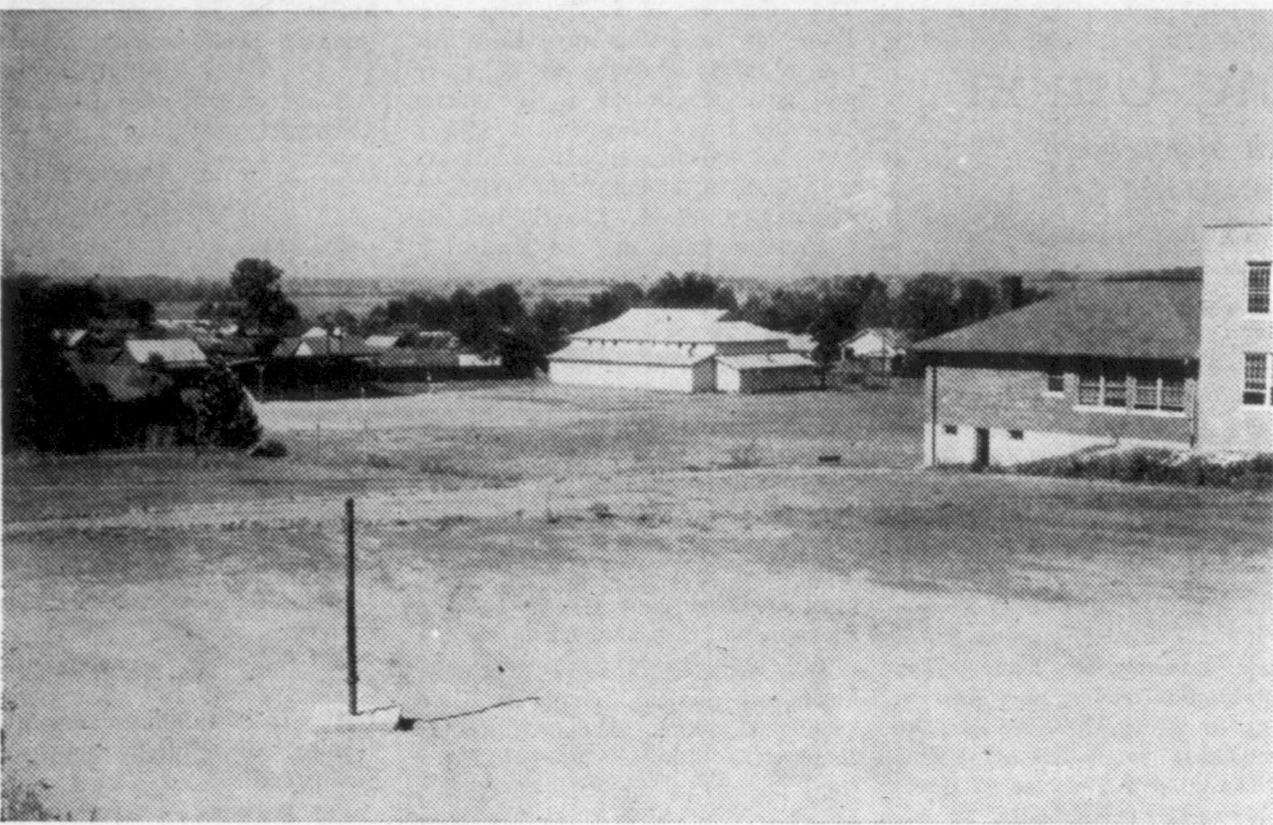
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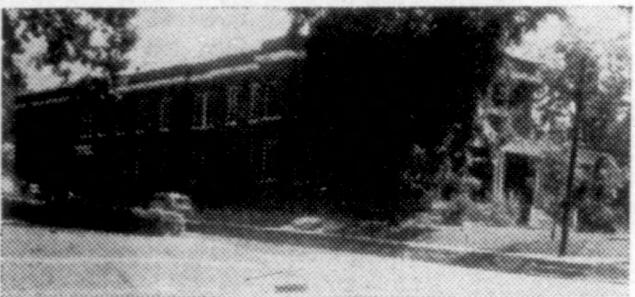
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NEW ALBANY, MISS., CLUB LIFE

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Club life! To the uninitiated, club life is usually associated in the mind with parties, drinks, eating, and social hilarities, but is this a fair evaluation of the great work done by the many social, civic and religious clubs in our towns and cities? New Albany, a comparatively small city, boasts ten clubs, all dedicated to the high ideal of social, civic, and spiritual uplift for the betterment of not only the members, but of the city and community. Mankind is egracious, impotent as an individual under our modern conditions of complex economic and political organization, but powerful when properly organized and cooperating, and when that great latent power is tied together in the bonds of mutual friendships, mutual obligations, mutual undertakings, and mutual consecration for the promotion of worthwhile accomplishments great good can and does flow to those who take part in the club work and to those who are within the ambus of the activities of the clubs.

Few people realize the great work that New Albany clubs have done in the past and ever striving to do for the future, for the uplifting of social thoughts and ideals, for the beautifying of the city and community, for the dissemination of knowledge, and for the amelioration of human suffering. How drab and commonplace would be our daily life of routine efforts to live, were it not for the relaxation afforded in meeting together with our fellow citizens in a common endeavor to discuss and work for those things that make our city and community

a better place in which to live, and enjoy the fruits of efforts builded upon a common desire to advance the community's social and spiritual life for the benefit of all. The following clubs in New Albany may justly point to a legion of activities and accomplishments that fully justify the efforts and sacrifices of all their members in pursuing the common work of all of us in a common desire to make our city and community a better place in which to live and a better place in which to strive for the pursuit of happiness and liberty for all.

New Albany Civic League:
Mrs. R. L. Smallwood, President
Mrs. Gus Parr
Junior Mothers Culture Club:
Mrs. Lamar King, President
Mrs. Vernon Medlin, Sec.-Treas.
McDowell Music Club:
Mrs. Joe Wynn, President
Mrs. Lawrence King, Sec.-Treas.
Junior New Century Club:
Miss Mary Joan Finger, President
Miss Mary Davidson, Vice-Pres.
Miss Dorothy Kelso, Sec.-Treas.
The Garden Club:
Mrs. W. N. Parks, President
Mrs. Varda Smith, Secretary
Mrs. Will Speck, Treasurer
Mothers Culture Club:
Mrs. J. L. Wilson, President
Mrs. E. S. Holmes, Secretary
Thursday Club:
Mrs. William Parks President
Mrs. Rufus Moore, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. H. Dorsey, Sec.-Treas.
New Century Club:
Mrs. Hazel Smallwood, President
Miss Katie May Ivey, Secretary
Rotary Club:
J. P. Kirkland, President
Joe Wynn, Sec.-Treas.
Kiwanis Club:

Marvin Crawford, President
L. K. Carlton, Sec.-Treas.

—Marvin Crawford

BR— NEW ALBANY INDUSTRIES

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The Hall and Neely Lumber Company is located in the southern section of the city on Highway 15. This industry employs seventy-eight laborers and has a management and office personnel of eight. Six million feet of lumber is handled by this company annually.

D. H. Hall Lumber Company maintains and finances a sales office here, for four mills located in Mississippi and Alabama. These mills operate in Amory, Columbus, Mississippi; and Demopolis, Alabama, and each handle approximately six million feet of lumber annually.

Armour and Company operate a creamery and cheese plant on Bankhead Street. This industry has a capacity of sixty thousand pounds of milk daily. Eighteen trucks are used to transport milk from Union and adjoining counties to the plant. Eighteen are employed to manufacture the milk into a finished product, which is shipped to various points in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

A new business to open shortly is a packing plant under the management of Stephens and Cross. This will utilize home meat products and

will supply work for ten men.

New Albany is fortunate to have one of the largest Coco-Cola plants of north Mississippi. This plant furnishes Coco-Cola for many of the adjoining counties. It is owned by Mr. W. G. McGill of New Albany.

The Tupelo Garment Company has a branch factory here under the management of L. A. Williams. Four hundred employees receive an annual payroll of \$260,000.00.

Tom Bonner manages one of the largest units of the Federal Compress Company. This company is handling cotton from many of the nearby counties.

The spirit of New Albany and Union County, with the best shipping facilities and a high grade of cooperative labor, offers the best opportunities for the location of wide awake industries.

Zack Whirenant,
Secretary C. of C.

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WATER VALLEY

The Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church of Water Valley, having just ended a contest between the Reds and Blues was beautifully entertained by the losing side, the Reds, with an oyster supper Tuesday night at the Masonic Temple. The class with an enrollment of one hundred and one young matrons, taught by Mrs. W. C. Howard, was well represented with over seventy members being present.

A very interesting program followed the supper, with short talks being given by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Howard, Mrs. W. C. Howard, teacher; class president, Mrs. Prentiss Hendricks; Mrs. Kate Shipley, leader of the Reds, and other major and minor officers of the class. Mrs. C. C. Stacy acted as mistress of ceremonies and Mrs. Paul Tate gave a toast to the class.

Vocal numbers were rendered by Miss Wilma Bennett and Mr. Arthur Walker; Mr. Jack Kennedy played The Holy City as a trumpet solo. A beautiful and enthusiastic class spirit was manifested throughout the evening.

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Blue Mountain, Miss., Dec. 2—Miss Minnie Landrum of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will conduct a mission study course at Blue Mountain College under the auspices of the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the college, Miss Caroline Huff, Forest, president of the Auxiliary, announced today. The study course will begin Tuesday and continue until Thursday.



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M. B. Pearce, Assistant Supt.
Joe Pannell, Superintendent of Teacher Training.

Mrs. Spurgeon Walker, Superintendent of Enlistment.

John Powell, General Secretary.
Adult Department, Mrs. G. F. Cullens.

Senior Department, Mrs. Hall Wilbanks.

Intermediate Department, Mrs. Varda Smith.

Junior Department, Mrs. Manning Hudson.

Primary Department, Mrs. H. P. Boswell.

Beginners Department, Miss Wardie Wilson.

Cradle Roll, Mrs. J. T. Swain.

Secretary Workers' Council, Miss Farrie Bratton.

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Church Officers

Secretary and Treasurer, Walter Kelly.

Building Fund Secretary and Treasurer, John Gray.

Chairman of Local Finance, E. D. Robbins.

Chairman Building Fund Committee, W. L. Greenoe.

Church Clerk, Guy M. Houston, Jr.

Church Pianists, Mrs. W. O. Rutledge, and Miss Evelyn Irby.

B. T. U. Director, Buron Williams.

Assistant Director, Miss Lula Carr.

General Secretary, Miss Lora V. Smith.

Intermediate Leader, Mrs. J. P. Kirkland.

Junior Leader, Mrs. W. A. Carnell.

Story Hour, Mrs. Van Russell.

Mrs. Lee Merritt, President of W. M. U.

Mrs. H. P. Dillard, Assistant W. M. U.

Mrs. Hall Wilbanks, Y. W. A. Leader.

Miss Lora V. Smith, G. A. Leader.

Mrs. Van Russell, Sunbeam Leader.

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The Board of Deacons

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John Neely

Dr. G. F. Cullens

W. B. Sanford

W. L. Greenoe

Guy McGinnis

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We have received a \$1.00 bill in an envelope postmarked Tunica pinned to a story clipped from THE BAPTIST RECORD in which I spoke of a sick preacher who was a patient in the Southern Baptist Hospital of New Orleans. As we do not know who our unknown friend is, we are asking the Baptist Record to publish this acknowledgement with our thanks.—Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEACONS—DECEASED

1926—1936

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J. M. Smith

Edd Tate

T. L. Williams

A. A. Miller

C. S. Cullins

Homer L. Campbell

Thomas Marshall

Edd Williams

S. Joe Owen

John Rains

—First Baptist Church

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

B. S. U.

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The college Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was brought to the Y. W. A. circle meeting on Wednesday, December 2. Then at a candlelight service in the student room the following morning all the contributions were united. Upon a map of the world, streamers from a silver star were sent to all points where benefit from the offering would reach. Miniature ships containing the offering from each circle were placed beneath the map by the circle presidents. Preceding this ceremony, Velma Green brought a message on "The Long Rays from the Bethlehem Star." The last part of the service was a season of prayer for the countries being helped by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

A most valuable Y. W. A. study course was conducted on our campus December 8, 9, and 10 by Miss Minnie Landrum from Brazil. Her interesting messages at this time, and also at chapel and noon-day prayer meeting, were a great inspiration to our students. Through acquiring a more intimate knowledge of the people and customs of Brazil, we gained also a greater desire to be friends with our neighbor Americans. Miss Landrum showed during her talks many interesting pictures and souvenirs which she has brought back to the States. We were made to realize our great responsibility and privilege of sharing Christ with the people of our continent. Blue Mountain students are grateful for Miss Landrum's visit to us and for the helpful messages that she brought during the days of her visit. An informal tea was held in her honor on Wednesday afternoon, December 9, to which the general officers of Y. W. A. were invited.

—Eileen Stubblefield, Reporter
B. S. U. AT M. S. C. W.

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There has been no after-holiday slump in Baptist student activities at M. S. C. W. Instead, the week after Thanksgiving was so full of worthwhile and attractive features that the entire organization was enlivened.

Chief among the bright spots of the week was the visit of Mrs. Tyler, of Blue Mountain, formerly Miss Frances Landrum, of the State W. M. U. Department. Mrs. Tyler's uplifting messages at noon-day prayer meeting and at Y. W. A. on Wednesday were inspiring to all who heard them. Her lovely personality

made her instantly loved by all who met her.

The Y. W. A. had a very effective Christmas program on Wednesday, December 2, dedicating the Lottie Moon Christmas offering made by the students. This offering goes to mission work.

Plans for the joint meeting with the B. S. U. Council of the University of Alabama are going forward rapidly, under the enthusiastic direction of the committees. About twenty-five Baptist student leaders are expected from Alabama. A program of great mutual benefit is being planned. The visitors will arrive Saturday afternoon, December 5, and will remain for a night meeting, after the banquet at the college tea room at six o'clock.

In the midst of all the excited planning and preparations, Katherine Lenz, of Greenville, recently elected State B. S. U. president, left Wednesday to attend the Convention of state presidents to be held at Nashville. Our prayers and thoughts are with her as she participates in the convention.

Pansy Simmons, Reporter

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BENEFITS OF VISITATION IN
By Rev. R. L. Breland

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The benefits to be derived from visitation are so many that one scarcely knows which to mention in a short paper like this. However, I will say, first, that visitation helps the teacher to teach. She gets information as to the home environments of the pupil so that the teacher will know better how to teach him.

Then visitation secures new pupils and more regular attendance. This is a day in which we must go after what we get. There are so many attractions to draw people into other places, and the world is busy getting attendance upon its places of amusement, going out after them, advertising and other schemes. So if we get people to attend Sunday school we must visit them and compel them to come.

Visitation gives us contact with people who never go to church. Showing an interest in them by visiting their homes many times draws them to the church and to Christ. Thus a fine missionary work is done in our own town or community. In every heart there is a divine spark that may be kindled into a glowing blaze if some one will only go out after them, show an interest in them and lead them in the right direction.

It is worth all it costs in time and effort, and is one of the finest ways of building up a Sunday school. In fact, our schools drag

along with less than half as many attending as should solely because our teachers and officers fail to do this worthwhile thing—visitation.

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TWENTY CENTS AND FIVE TOKENS

President W. W. Hamilton, B. B. I.
New Orleans, La.

"Twenty cents and five tokens" made up the total they had in hand that Monday morning as the fine young student and his wife prayed together. They did not know whence their daily bread would come, but as he told me the story later he said they were assured that God would supply their needs. Help came in a surprising way, enough to take care of them for two more weeks.

One cannot live with these capable and consecrated young people and know their sacrifices and their faith, without being strengthened in purpose to do all possible for them. No wonder God is so wonderfully using them as they go out to work at home and abroad.

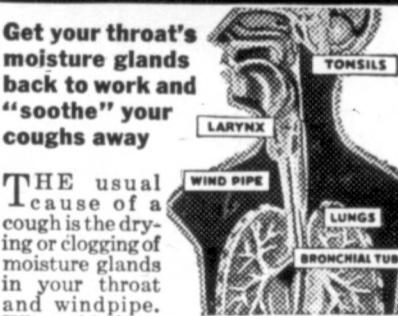
We think of the help we give them as our "eternal investments," and we wish others might share the privilege of such an opportunity. If one desires to help an eager and worthy student with a scholarship in full or in part, it will be a pleasure to make the necessary contact.

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"Is de left hind foot of a rabbit a sign of luck?"

"Tis if you owns de rest of de rabbit."

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"Does her singing in the flat annoy you?"

"Not so much as the flat in her singing."

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Kingdom News From Many Lands

CHARLES E. MADDRY, Executive Secretary

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To Southern Baptists everywhere the Foreign Mission Board would send a Christmas greeting of love and gratitude for every prayer, for every gift, for every life dedicated this year to kingdom work in other nations.

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THE SUN NEVER SETS

The sun never sets on a Southern Baptist's gift to God's work in other nations. That gift to foreign missions is spread out over fifteen nations around the entire world. Four hundred and fourteen messengers proclaim the Christmas story to millions. In Africa there are thirty-six of these messengers of the gospel; In Argentina, twenty-one; in Brazil, ninety-one; in Chile, twelve; in China, two hundred and thirteen; in Hungary, one; in Italy, two; in Japan, fourteen; in Mexico, eleven; in Palestine and Syria, five; in Rumania and Yugoslavia, four; in Spain, two; in Uruguay, two.

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CHRISTMAS ON THE PACIFIC

Eleven of the fifteen new missionaries appointed to replace vacancies in Southern Baptist missions in other lands, will spend Christmas on the Pacific. Sailing from Vancouver, December 18, aboard the S. S. Empress of Russia, the following expect to arrive in China the first of the New Year: Miss Jennie Alderman, Miss Ora Elizabeth Gray, Miss Jessie Green, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ricketson, Miss Wilma Weeks, and Miss Thelma Williams.

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UNDER FOURTEEN FLAGS

Southern Baptist messengers of the gospel are working in fifteen nations and under fourteen flags. These flags plus the Christian flag are on sale for twenty cents each. These flags add much to pageants and plays, to missionary programs, and to the general international missionary atmosphere of a church auditorium.

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BOOK GIVING WORLD SURVEY

To the many requests for a book presenting all the fields in which Southern Baptists have foreign missionaries, *The Conquering Christ*, Coleman, (25c), is the answer. Written with a deep spiritual appeal and with the note of Christmas running through the ninety pages, this little Yuletide book presents thoroughly and comprehensively Southern Baptist missions in the fifteen other nations of the world. Copies of the fifth edition of this book are practically exhausted.

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HELP THESE WOMEN

While writing to his Philippian brethren, Paul exhorted them to "help these women." At this season Baptist women everywhere are holding the whole world warm within their hearts. They are praying around the world. They are pondering in their hearts their gifts for Christ whose birthday is near at hand. Alongside their budget for filling their shopping list for Christmas gifts is a holy column in which a prayer-born figure stands, even the amount to be given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. How the Board praises God for these women! How the four hundred and fourteen missionaries around the world praise God for these girls! How the natives in lands afar lift their voices to God in praise for such love!

Last year because in many churches the men and boys joined their wives, mothers and sisters so fervently in putting **Christ into their Christmas**, the goal for gifts was exceeded by nearly \$100,000. May it be so again this year! Like Paul of old, let's entreat the men to "help these wom-

en" make this year's Christmas gift to Christ worthy of the trust he has given Southern Baptists in fifteen nations.

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DR. SAMPEY IN CHINA

Mr. Hipps and the others have just returned from the China Baptist Centennial celebration in Canton, China. They bring fine reports. Dr. John R. Sampey made a splendid contribution, as he also did when he was on our campus. We were glad to have him here at the unveiling of the corner-stone of the new chapel-auditorium. Virginia Hall nears completion, and Mrs. R. E. Chambers is living in her new house. So already the campus has changed its contour since you were here.—Mrs. J. B. Hipps, Shanghai, China.

FINANCIAL FACTS**RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER—1936
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

Cooperative Program	\$37,470.80
Designated Gifts	16,477.52
Debt Account	6,099.25
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	60.19
Miscellaneous Income	1,444.33
 Total Income	 \$61,552.09

EUROPE: CHRIST OR CHAOS

The Board is honored to present to Southern Baptists a new book of the calibre of Dr. Everett Gill's most recent manuscript, *Europe: Christ or Chaos*. Most comprehensive, yet so simple and brief that the "busy average man" can thoroughly enjoy it, this book presents the Europe of the present and the alternative for tomorrow.

This unusual book will without doubt receive a magnificent sale. Pastors have been looking for just such a book of dependable information. Men's Brotherhoods will call it a man's book. Women both of W. M. S. and Y. W. A. will delight to have a fresh new book on European situations and missions. For them it will be a splendid text for those extra in-between-season classes before the regular graded series on Palestine appears in May.

Orders may be filed now—paper binding, 40 cents; cloth, 75 cents. The book is on the press now and will be available January 15.

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MADDRY'S PERTINENT PARAGRAPHICS

President F. A. R. Morgan of our Annie Bagby College in Sao Paulo writes that the enrollment has reached the high record of 438 for this session. The trustees are planning to make the school co-educational and it is imperatively necessary to enlarge the equipment of this great missionary agency. Missionary Morgan and wife are doing a great missionary work.

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Missionary Clem D. Hardy of the vast Amazon valley region is already preaching in Portuguese and has baptized several converts. The Nelsons have come home on furlough and this leaves Mr. and Mrs. Hardy the only missionaries of our Board in this vast and needy field. We ought to send at least three couples to reinforce them at the earliest possible moment.

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The new training school for women in Buenos Aires, Argentina, will be opened April the first. We hope to send out a young woman in the near future for directress of this school.

The theological seminary at Buenos Aires has been closed for several years, except a few night classes. Missionaries L. C. Quarles, R. F. Elder and Sidney M. Sowell are our teachers in this seminary. A number of Argentine pastors are associated with them on the teaching staff. The seminary will be opened on April the first, with a full day-time schedule. This is to be made the seminary for all Spanish speaking South America, south of Mexico. A new missionary teacher will be sent out shortly.

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ONLY A YEAR OLD

Dr. Maddry says, "One of the best prepared and most promising missionaries sent out by our Board in recent months is Dr. A. Ben Oliver. He is located at Curityba, South Brazil. He has been on the field less than one year and is already preaching with great acceptance in Portuguese. We had the joy of spending a week with him last July and were greatly impressed with his spirit and his complete devotion to the work."

From a letter just received we quote:

"As yet I have not had an opportunity to visit all of the thirty-one churches in this field. To date I have preached in nine of the churches and in six other places. In all, I have preached, or tried to preach, thirty-six sermons, and have had seventy-four decisions for Christ. I baptized fifteen, and before you receive this I shall have baptized several more. For a little over a month I have been pastor of the fine little church in Paranagua, where our work is growing nicely. Dr. Scarborough, you remember, went down there and preached while you remained here. I'm delighted with the work, for they really wanted me, and are following my leadership. Last Sunday we had one hundred and forty-four in Sunday school, and we are working toward a goal of two hundred. The possibilities are limitless, for ours is the only evangelical church in the city of 13,000 people."

"The next day we rested, visited, and prepared for the night service. Before sun-down each little trail that leads into the forest was pouring out a stream of people into the clearing where the little church is located. Five little coal-oil lamps did their best to dispel the darkness of the night, while I did my best to dispel the darkness of sin with the Gospel of Christ. The house was full and running over. Mosquitos were so thick that we had to build a smoke to run them out, and then I could hardly breathe, but I preached. On the rostrum were children asleep, and every place was taken. When I made an appeal, six persons gladly gave their heart to Christ, and I have reason to believe that many more will soon take a similar stand."

"We are still thanking God for sending us here, and asking Him to make our lives more and more fruitful in His work. In all my life I was never so happy, for now I am doing what the Master really ordained for my life."

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ANOTHER BOOK BARGAIN

In Royal Service by Fannie E. S. Heck, formerly priced 50 cents, is being offered for only 25 cents until further notice. Every W. M. S. member and every pastor will surely want to own a copy of this story of the first quarter of the century of the life of Woman's Missionary Union.

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Rev. C. W. Entrekin of Purvis, a student in the Baptist Bible Institute, died in the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, Nov. 28. He is a son of Rev. T. S. Entrekin well known and highly esteemed in south Mississippi. To these beloved friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy.